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VICTORIA, B. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1920

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EIGHTEEN PAGES

Movement to Bring Labor Intervention On Irish Question

British Organizers Plan to Place Full Weight of Organized Labor In Support of Irish Self-Determination; Conference Opens.

London, Dec. 29.—A movement, calculated by its organizers to place the full weight of British organized labor in support of the Irish self-determination claims, began with a specially convened conference of the Parliamentary Labor Party in London to-day, after which several members of the party's commission which investigated the situation in Ireland told of what they had observed and learned there.

Government Challenged.

A resolution was adopted unanimously challenging the Government to disprove the Commission's accusations regarding reprisals and other outrages charged to the Crown forces. The conference was held as a preliminary for a campaign in behalf of self-determination and in opposition to the Government's alleged policy of repression to be investigated by labor in Manchester on January 17 and concluded in London on February 15.

A. G. Cameron, chairman of to-day's conference, in opening the lengthy discussion on the inquiry commission's report, characterized it as "the most serious indictment against British methods in trying to govern Ireland ever placed before the British people."

Greenwood Criticized.

The speaker declared: "The manner in which Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has evaded questions in the House of Commons reflects discredit upon himself and the House."

Mr. Cameron added: "As a result of the handling of the Irish question Great Britain has not a friend in the world."

Judicial Inquiry.

London, Dec. 29.—A special conference of the Labor Party to-day on the Irish situation unanimously carried a resolution deploring the "lamentable condition of affairs in Ireland" as revealed in the report of the Labor Commission which investigated the situation there and approving the demand of the Parliamentary Labor Party for an immediate judicial inquiry into the question of reprisals.

The resolution concludes: "This conference now challenges the Government to disprove the statements of the Labor Commission by such judicial inquiry and to deal with those proved guilty of such serious charges as their offences deserve."

CITY WOOD PLAN GETS UNDERWAY

Twenty Men So Far Sawing Beach Logs.

After numerous delays and disappointments, the civic authorities got their wood cutting plan launched to-day. Under the direction of John Day, who was appointed yesterday to supervise the plan, about 20 men employed men skilled out from the City Hall this morning, armed with saws, supplied by city, and commenced to cut cordwood on adjacent beaches. Further applications for permission to work under the scheme will be received this afternoon, so that by to-morrow, it is expected, nearly fifty men will be employed.

The men who desired to start wood cutting appeared at the City Hall early this morning and were arranged by three. Each group was given a cross-cut saw, axe, hammer and wedges and was allowed to commence work at the most advantageous point on the beaches. Mr. Day personally directed all operations and saw that the men who were inexperienced in such work got off to a good start and cut workable logs.

The second group being cut in four-foot lengths and is piled at points accessible by wagons. When a sufficient quantity is ready the city will send its carts to collect the various piles, paying the men who cut it at the rate of \$2 a cord. At first the wood will be taken to city institutions and used as fuel. If these institutions are unable to use all the wood cut the remainder will be sold the public. Already plans for disposing of the wood have been made by the civic authorities. It is intended to sell the wood at cost as the city has no intention of making money out of the scheme.

Sewer Plan Fails.

The city had more ambitious plans for relieving the unsanitary situation. These, however, appear to have fallen flat. It was hoped that a big sewer programme could be inaugurated but any such work depended entirely upon the attitude of the Provincial and Federal Governments. It had been hoped that the Federal Government would contribute part of the money needed to start a sewer programme and that the Provincial Government also would assist. Yes, (Continued on page 4.)

FIRE IN LONDON.

London, Ont., Dec. 29.—Damage estimated at \$20,000 was caused by fire last night starting in the store of 121 Dundas Street in the heart of the retail district occupied by the United Manufacturers of Toronto. It was in this store that former Chief Lawrence Clarke and two others met death during a fire in 1908.

PLANNING RUNNING SCHEME IN CHINA

Such Is Allegation in Case Before Local Courts

COMMERCIALIZING CHINESE REVOLUTION

The story of the formation of a Chinese syndicate in Victoria, to raise funds with which to purchase rifles in the United States for shipment to China, was revealed in Supreme Court Chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Gregory, when an application was made by Frank Higgins, K.C., to quash the capias proceedings instituted by J. A. Aikman on behalf of a number of prominent local Chinese against Chin Dai Pong, a Chinese resident of this city for the past seven years, but who has recently spent two years in the Orient.

Further hearing of the application will take place to-morrow and in the meantime an order was made for the examination of Pong. "This was held this morning, and it developed in his story that he was taken in charge by Sheriff Richards under the capias proceedings on the assumption that he was about to leave for China. Pong denies this and says that early in August he was approached by a Chinaman named Chang Suey Wah, who came from a neighboring village in the Sun Wing District, China, early this summer.

The Offer.

Wah called at Pong's place on Johnson Street, suggesting that a syndicate should be formed to raise money to purchase rifles across the border which were to be shipped to China and sold. Rifles in San Francisco, he said, were in great demand owing to revolutionary conditions, they would probably bring about \$200, it was alleged.

Pong collected \$1,152.50 from Hip Wing, the Chinese Police Court interpreter, the sum of \$10; from Dong Tuen, \$41.50; Chan Sui, \$182; Jung Pong, \$25; Jung Shue, \$78.50; Chan King Chon, \$24.50; Sack Chung, \$24.50; Chan Guey, \$20, while Pong himself contributed \$20. This is according to his story this morning.

Scheme Disappears.

During the month of August Pong says that he went to Vancouver and handed the \$1,152.50 over to Wah, the originator of the scheme, and since that time he has seen nothing of Wah, who has disappeared. It was then that Wah wrote to him against Pong and capias proceedings taken. Pong, in his affidavit in reply, says that he never had any intention of making a syndicate, nor did he ever make an application to the immigration authorities to do so, and he claims that he was personally victimized to the extent of \$84.

In answer to a question by Mr. Aikman, Pong denied that he had intended going to China. He claimed that what he did say was that when he got work he would repay the money to those who had contributed to the fund. He did not know to whom the rifles would be sold, and relied on Wah's statement that much money was to be made out of the venture, the profits from which were to be divided among the several contributors.

Pong is thirty-three years of age, and he states that Wah is a man of forty-five. He had no knowledge of Wah's present whereabouts, and he had seen him in August for the first time in many years; the last occasion being in China. Wah, he said, was a cook.

MORRIS ARRESTED TO-DAY IN PORTLAND

Charged With Aiding Illegal Naturalization Proceedings

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—Fred S. Morris was arrested here to-day on a Federal warrant technically charging that he aided John L. Etheridge, former president of Morris Bros., defunct bond house, in obtaining naturalization papers when Etheridge was not entitled to them.

The warrant, according to United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys, was based on the allegation that Morris, while aiding in Etheridge's naturalization proceedings concealed knowledge that Etheridge had served terms in New Jersey state prison. Etheridge came to this country from England in 1902.

Australian Commissioner On Japanese Immigration

New York, Dec. 29.—(By Canadian Press)—Direct expression of the sentiment widespread throughout the British Dominions, touching on the Pacific, against Japanese immigration was made last night by Mark Sheldon, Australian High Commissioner, in an interview with a New York Tribune reporter. "There can be no question but that Australia will join enthusiastically with the United States," he said, "in effecting an arrangement or combination to prevent indiscriminate Japanese immigration. It must be thoroughly understood, however, that any arrangement affecting Australia and the three other British Dominions involved must be made in conjunction with the other countries of the British Empire through the Government at London."

"Whatever influence Australia has in the councils of the Empire will be used to bring about some understanding on this question, and whatever issue may be of mutual concern to the Anglo-Saxon people on the Pacific."

MOUNTED POLICE SEARCH FOR MISSING BALLOON

New York, Dec. 29.—The Canadian Mounted Police stationed at Haliburton, Ont., last night began to scour the country around Lake Temiskaming, in an effort to locate the missing United States navy balloon. This information was telegraphed to officers at the Rochester, N.Y., naval station, where the balloon ascended December 18, by Sir Robert Stupart, director of the meteorological bureau at Toronto. Sir Robert stated that the aircraft, sighted by residents of Carleton Place, Ont., was certainly the missing balloon.

Disorders Occurred in Athens During Services in Honor of Venizelos

Athens, Dec. 29.—Disorders arose yesterday at the Church of St. Theodore during services in honor of the name day of former Premier Venizelos. It was alleged that officers in the Greek army protested the conducting of the ceremony. Two persons were arrested but were soon released.

The newspaper Patris to-day printed a photograph of M. Venizelos and devoted its entire first page to an editorial in which the former Prime Minister was eulogized. The new Greece was enduring her Calvary, and Venizelos would "surely return."

Cabinet Alarmed.

Some alarm has been shown by the Cabinet over the fact that 20,000 of General Wrangel's anti-Bolshevik troops, which were landed at Gallipoli, have spread into Thrace. It is declared these men are pillaging the country for food.

Klitos Constantine is suffering a slight illness, having taken cold while appearing on the balcony of the palace when throngs gathered before it.

RECEIVED BOX OF POISONED CANDIES

Mrs. Booth, Married Here in 1915, Recipient.

Mrs. Carrie Booth, who married Donald H. Booth, now automobile dealer, in this city five years ago, is the central figure in a peculiar case now at Seattle.

It is stated that Mrs. Booth, a waitress at Wing's Cafeteria, 1402 First Avenue, Seattle, on Monday received a box of chocolates containing a lethal dose of mercury.

Mrs. Booth says she immediately saw that there was something wrong when she opened the candy box. The chocolates were crushed and the brown powder scattered over the candy. The box was turned over to Captain of Detectives Charles Tennant Tuesday and sent to the Seattle city chemist for analysis.

City Chemist Albert Jacobson pronounced the powder to be oxide of mercury, which would result fatally if eaten in large quantity.

The package was wrapped in common brown wrapping paper. The address was printed with a rubber stamp set, as were the words "Special Delivery." There was no address of the sender of the package, as required by postal regulations.

Tampering Apparent.

That the candy was tampered with was apparent to anyone who would have opened the box, said City Chemist Jacobson. "The chocolates were broken open and the color of the oxide of mercury, which is mainly against the dark brown of the candy and the white filling. If Mrs. Booth had eaten the candy she would probably have been poisoned before she would have eaten enough of the poison to result fatally."

Mrs. Booth is the defendant in a divorce action pending in the King County superior court. She has a \$50,000 alienation suit filed a few days previous to the divorce proceedings.

According to complaints filed in the case, Mrs. Booth alleges that Mrs. Valeria Dwyer, a widow, alienated the affections of her husband, Donald H. Booth, with presents of a automobile, "silk nightgowns and pajamas and other articles. She further alleges that Mrs. Dwyer, being a widow and a milliner, was "sophisticated and used to the world, while her husband, being a young man of about thirty years of age is unsophisticated and lacking in worldly knowledge."

Says Marriage Illegal.

Mrs. Dwyer in answer to the damage suit, alleges that Mrs. Booth was illegally married to Donald Booth who is a driver for the Seattle Taxi-cab Company, as they were married within six months after Mrs. Booth divorced a former husband.

The police are making an investigation into the case.

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE TO MEET IN JANUARY

Edmonton, Dec. 29.—The fourth session of the fourth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta will be officially opened at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, January 25. This was announced by Premier Stewart at a meeting of the Provincial Executive Council when the opening date was finally decided upon.

SPANISH MINISTER TO MEXICO IS DEAD

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Marquis Gaudels, Spanish minister to Mexico, died last night following a short illness.

WINNIPEG POSTMASTER.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(By Canadian Press).—Thomas T. Bower, assistant postmaster at Winnipeg, has been appointed postmaster. It is announced to-day by the Civil Service Commission.

O'CONNOR RUMOR DENIED BY LABOR

Report Infers He May Run in West Peterboro

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 29.—"All bunk" is the way one of the principal figures in the West Peterboro election characterized the Ottawa report which inferred that W. F. O'Connor, K. C., late of the Board of Commerce, would enter the political field, probably under the wing of the Labor Party.

There is a decided stir in the labor camp but it is not in the direction of the Ottawa prospect. "The fevers from Ottawa are falling on dead ears," said one labor leader to-day.

Thomas Lane, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, is George G. Desbarats, of the Naval Service; Captain Walter Rose, R.N., Acting Director of Naval Services, and other officials of the Department of the Navy.

Adams's visit to the Capital is to make his first formal report to headquarters before the fleet starts on a cruise for the West Indies and thence through the Panama Canal to British Columbia waters. As a result of his visit, Captain Adams will establish personal relations with the Department officials at the Capital and become acquainted with Canadian conditions, thereby insuring the smooth working of Canadian naval affairs.

CATTLE EMBARGO IS BEING WELL AIRED

Lord Beaverbrook Enters Into Important Controversy

London, Dec. 29.—(Canadian Associated Press).—Lord Beaverbrook, writing in The Daily Express of the embargo against Canadian cattle says: "I feel it my duty to speak out, not to protect the material interests of Canada, but because I believe the British people do not in the least realize the immense moral connection being done the Imperial connection by the conduct of the British Government. The annoyance in Canada is not caused so much by any actual damage that may be inflicted on an important Canadian industry, as by the feeling that the Imperial authorities are not treating Canada straight forwardly. I can assure the Canadian people that once the British public realize the wrong being done in their name they will compel the Government to take prompt and satisfactory action."

ASYLUM OFFICIALS PUT UNDER ARREST

Held as Witnesses in Connection With Unusual Death

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Three officials of the Ontario Hospital for the Insane here, John Morgan, night supervisor, William Kee and Charles Grant, attendants, were arrested yesterday afternoon and are being held as witnesses in connection with the death of John Gotrell, in the asylum Monday morning. Gotrell died a short time after his admission to the institution and it is alleged that marks on his body indicated he had been abused. An inquest in the case has been opened.

STRATFORD ALDERMAN DEAD.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 29.—John D. Roberts, an alderman for this city since 1906, died yesterday. He was born in England 74 years ago and had lived here for 50 years.

D'Annunzio Agrees to Complete Recognition of Treaty of Rapallo

DEFEATED LEADER OF FIUME INSURGENTS; GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO



FLEET COMMANDER NOW AT OTTAWA

Captain Adams Confers With Departmental Officials

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(By Canadian Press).—Captain Henry Adams, C.B.E., R.N., commanding officer of the Canadian fleet, who arrived in the Capital last night from Halifax, was to-day in consultation with Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Naval Affairs, Deputy Minister George G. Desbarats, of the Naval Service; Captain Walter Rose, R.N., Acting Director of Naval Services, and other officials of the Department of the Navy.

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AMERICAN ESCORT FOR BRITISH ADMIRAL

Destroyers Meet Ship Carrying Sir Lewis Bayly

New York, Dec. 29.—Two flotillas of United States destroyers were speeding out into the Pacific last night to welcome and escort to the United States, Admiral Sir Lewis Bayly, joint commander with Admiral William S. Sims, of the British and United States fleets off the coast of Ireland during the war.

Admiral Bayly is a passenger on the Pacific Mail steamer, *Deus*, which is due here to-day from Honolulu. The American destroyers will convoy the *Deus* into port.

HALT DEMANDED IN RACE FOR NAVAL SUPREMACY

London, Dec. 29.—A number of leading newspapers demand that a halt be called in the race for naval armament between America, Japan and Great Britain. The Daily Express points out that these three powers are all considering huge naval programmes and makes an appeal to public opinion to avert this development. These three powers, it says, ought to agree to stop all new construction and enter into a naval compact of retrenchment.

BEATTY'S SCHEME.

Instead, it declares, Admiral Beatty, using Walter Long as his mouthpiece, is urging upon the Government a huge scheme for the building of capital ships which could not cost the nation less than £100,000,000, despite the fact that the majority of combatant officers have grave doubts as to the value of the capital ship in future warfare.

The Daily Express adds that the Government has not so far yielded to this demand, and has referred the

Insurgent Leader Relinquishes All Powers to Fiume Communal Council; Conference Arranging Terms of Peace At Abbarzia; Hostilities Cease.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Complete recognition of the Treaty of Rapallo has been given by D'Annunzio's representative at the Abbarzia Conference with General Ferrario, it is indicated in a report received here to-day from General Caviglia, commander of the Italian regular forces at Fiume.

Fiume, Dec. 29.—Gabriele D'Annunzio early to-day surrendered all his powers to the Fiume Communal Council.

General Caviglia, commander of the regular Italian forces, will arrange the conditions of peace with a delegation of their council to-day.

Operations Suspended.

Fiume, Dec. 29.—A conference for the purpose of arranging the final cessation of hostilities between the regular Italian forces under General Caviglia and D'Annunzio's legions was set for this morning. Meanwhile all military operations have been suspended.

POISON GAS SUPREME WEAPON IN NEXT WAR

Great Britain Prohibits Importation of Dye-stuffs

Washington, Dec. 29.—By the passage of the Dye-stuffs Import Regulations Act, Great Britain has definitely accepted the theory that poison gas would be the supreme weapon of the next war, and at the same time has opened the way for the entry of German dyes into the United States, according to views expressed last night by the chemical experts of the Government.

The British act, which became a law yesterday, prohibits the importation of dye-stuffs into Great Britain for ten years, which Government experts declared will enable Britain to build up her industry to a point of complete independence from the outside world.

Poison gas and dye-stuffs both come from coal-tar. It was explained, and from the manufacture of the commercial article to the production of the military weapon is but another step in a continuous process. By insuring the development of the dye industry, chemical experts here said, Great Britain had laid the ground-work for possible widespread use of gas in warfare, as chemical factories can turn from the manufacture of dye-stuffs to the production of poison gas practically without delay.

Direct competition in this country between German and United States-made dyes also is seen by officials here as a result of the British Dye-stuffs Act.

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LAST CURTAIN.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—M. B. Curtis, actor, known throughout the country many years ago for his characterization of the drummer in the play, "Samuel O'Posen," is dead here to-day at the Los Angeles County Hospital.

JAPAN SEES MENACE IN KAMCHATKA DEAL

Vanderlip Concessions Reviewed by Viscount Uchida

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Concessions in Kamchatka granted to Washington D. Vanderlip, of California, by the Russian Government might prove a serious disadvantage to Japan, Viscount Uchida, Japanese Foreign Minister, told a group of members of the Opposition party which visited him to-day. He pointed out, however, that the United States had not recognized the contract because America had not recognized the Soviet Government.

MANDATES.

The deputation also questioned the Ministers of War and Navy. Both replied that if reports concerning the concessions were true, the situation held a menace to Japan from the viewpoint of defence, but declined to express any further opinion, but the absence of confirmation of these reports.

Viscount Uchida also informed the deputation that although the League of Nations had admitted in principle the right of Australia to mandates over islands in the Pacific, Japan had declared her intention to insist upon the principle of equal opportunity and would continue to maintain this attitude. He declared, however, he was unable to forecast the future issue of the question.

AMERICAN PROGRAMME.

Referring to the American programme the paper says: "Mr. Daniels has stated that America must be strong enough at

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WHITTINGTON HAD NOTHING ON CHURCH

Toronto's Mayor Seeks Election For Seventh Term

Toronto, Dec. 29.—(By Canadian Press).—Dick Whittington, who was thrice Lord Mayor of London, had nothing in length of Mayoralty service, on "Tom" Church, better known as "Tommy" Church, but more dignifiedly described as Thomas Langton Church, K.C., who has been for six consecutive years "the boy bachelor" Mayor of Toronto, Canada, and is offering himself for election on New Year's Day for the seventh term. There are many, in addition to Mr. Church himself, who are confident that he will be Mayor Church for the seventh year. Why shouldn't "Toronto the Good" continue on the list of Canadian Mayors as "that city of Church's"? is the question propounded by the present Mayor's enthusiastic supporters.

Apparently the only serious opposition that Mayor Church will encounter in his appeal for re-election will be Samuel McBride, former member of the Board of Control, and for many years a city councillor. McBride is putting up a vigorous campaign and enlisting considerable support among business, professional and other interests who declare that "it is time for a change." On the other hand Church has undoubtedly made many friends during his long incumbency of office, and is prepared to make a stiff fight to retain what he considers a life job. There is no other issue of any outstanding importance between the two candidates.

McBride ran against Church last New Year's Day, and was beaten by a plurality of about 5,000 votes. There was a third candidate at that election—one J. H. H. Ballantyne, who received 5,589 votes, and Church was elected by plurality vote on a minority of 585 under the combined totals of the two candidates.

Mayor Church's doughty opponent is not counted for much in the contest—both Church and McBride are "Tories" and both are members of the International Baseball League, and McBride is president of the Hillcrest Racing Association. They have both been connected with athletic and sporting activities for many years, and both are of Toronto birth and education. At the same time the city of Toronto takes its municipal politics seriously, as witness the fact that it sacrifices a New Year's Day holiday for civic electioneering. Results of elections for the Mayoralty, Board of Control, City Council Aldermen and Board of Education on that day are always awaited with great interest by all classes of the city's population.

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Another thing that "Tommy" and "Sammy" have in common is the sporting instinct. Church was recently elected a member of the International Baseball League, and McBride is president of the Hillcrest Racing Association. They have both been connected with athletic and sporting activities for many years, and both are of Toronto birth and education. At the same time the city of Toronto takes its municipal politics seriously, as witness the fact that it sacrifices a New Year's Day holiday for civic electioneering. Results of elections for the Mayoralty, Board of Control, City Council Aldermen and Board of Education on that day are always awaited with great interest by all classes of the city's population.

Prince Rupert, B.C. Dec. 29.—E. L. Gowan, said to be wanted by the police of Caldwell, Idaho, on a felony charge, was arrested here yesterday. He will be held pending word from the police officials of Caldwell, who have been notified of his arrest.

HELD BY POLICE.

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METHODS IN IRELAND

STRONGLY DENOUNCED

Labor Commission Condemns Government Policy

London, Dec. 29.—A scathing denunciation of Government methods in Ireland and a strong expression of the futility of coercive methods to suppress either the Sinn Féin movement or the republican army occupy for the most part the report of the Labor Commission which visited Ireland to study conditions there.

The report deals with all aspects of the present situation and the sentiment in Ireland, as well as a specific study of reprisals. It shows incidentally that an appeal to Premier Lloyd George signed by Arthur Henderson and William Adamson as late as December 23, had failed to bring a response to the Commission's desire to institute an "unofficial truce" so that steps towards peace might be taken.

Declaring the Irish republican army to be formidable, because intangible, the report says that if it were concentrated as an army it could be defeated, and it exists only because it has the sympathy and support of the vast masses of the population.

"So great has been the provocation by the Crown forces that eighty per cent of Irish men and women, the report continues, 'now regard the shooting of policemen and throwing of bombs at lorries with the same philosophic designation that Mr. Lloyd George displays towards arson and pillage and the shooting of civilians in the presence of their wives and children.' The destruction of creameries, etc., only serves to stimulate recruiting by increasing the number of desperate men."

Black and Tans.

The report declares that in the Black and Tans and auxiliaries "the Government has created a weapon which it cannot wield; it has liberated forces which it is not at present able to dominate."

The report ridicules the official contention that Sinn Féiners themselves burned and destroyed property in towns of marked Sinn Féin sympathies as "unreasonable and, indeed, stupid."

A minute description is given of all the cases investigated. One interesting point is that in the case of the Creeke Park tragedy, when, on November 21, numerous persons were killed or injured at a football game, the report absolves the authorities from anything in the nature of "premeditated reprisals."

The report testifies to the difficulty of gathering information owing to the terrorism existing, eye-witnesses being threatened even with death if they divulge what they have seen. It describes minutely the character of all the Crown forces. Dealing with the constabulary, it says:

"We feel compelled to express the opinion that by no means negligible proportion of the Royal Irish Constabulary as at present constituted are men of intemperate habits, utterly unfit to discharge the duties of the constabulary."

The strongest condemnation, however, is reserved for the auxiliaries who, it is declared, "evidently enjoy special and powerful protection." It asserts that "whenever reprisals have been scientifically carried out, it has been almost invariably by detachments of cadet auxiliaries—men possessed of ability and education, and inflamed by political passion, who brook no interference from other Crown forces and do not seem to recognize even the authority of Dublin Castle."

The report voices the apprehension felt by the Labor party in England when it says with reference to this force, "It is a class of weapon which is being forged in Ireland and could be used in England."

The commission declared: "A thing is being done in the name of Great Britain which must make her name stink in the nostrils of the whole world. The honor of our people has been gravely compromised."

The commission charges the Crown forces, among other things, with looting, destruction, looting and flogging.

Responsibility.

Regarding the Government's responsibility for reprisals the commission adds: "We do not believe the Government directly and definitely inspired reprisals and violence, but while it has perfunctorily denied certain occurrences which are beyond doubt, it has associated itself with, and defended crimes committed by the Crown forces in Ireland. Blame for the present situation does not rest primarily with the members of the

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BOLSHEVICS MENACE NEW BALTIC STATES

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Bolsheviks are greatly strengthening their operations in the Caucasus region and are menacing the new Baltic States, it is indicated in a dispatch received here from diplomatic sources.

The message points out that the Armenian Government is unable to deal with the Bolsheviks having on one hand the Turkish Nationalists and on the other the accepted Soviet regime. That Government, however, has refused the Bolshevik demand that Soviet troops massed on the frontier be allowed to penetrate the country as a condition to participation in the peace negotiations now in progress at Alexandrovsk between the Armenians and the Turks.

Georgia is said also to be in a precarious situation, surrounded by Bolsheviks on all sides. Competent authorities forecast that the entire Caucasus will become Soviet shortly. The greatest resistance is coming from the Mussulman Turks, and the Bolsheviks are discussing the entire question of the Caucasus at Tiflis.

From Latvia comes the news of a concentration of Bolshevik forces estimated at 60,000 men on the Latvian frontier.

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For the twelve months imports totalled \$1,348,000,000 as against \$920,000,000 for 1919, an increase of \$428,000,000.

Exports totalled \$1,289,000,000, as against \$1,251,000,000, or an increase for the period of only \$38,000,000. In recent months exports have been decreasing. Total trade showed an increase during the twelve months of \$448,000,000.

The United States continues to be Canada's best customer. Imports from that country during the period increased from \$725,000,000 in 1919 to \$927,000,000, while exports increased from \$443,000,000 to \$545,000,000.

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dizziness, when I could hardly stand up, and I never liked to venture out on the street alone for fear one of these attacks would come on me suddenly. Every morning I woke up feeling miserable, for I never got any really refreshing sleep. I fell off to a shadow, almost, and seemed to lose all my strength and energy. In spite of everything that was done for me, I kept getting worse, and became terribly discouraged about my condition.

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BOLSHEVISM NOT WANTED IN CHINA

Neither Has Monarchism a Chance, Says Dr. Tyau

Peking, Dec. 28.—Neither Bolshevism nor monarchism has a chance in China to-day, in the opinion of Dr. Phillip Tyau, Assistant Under-Secretary in the Foreign Office, unofficially expressed to the Associated Press. Dr. Tyau, who is a student of international law, refutes "erroneous reports and inspired statements of a damaging nature which have been circulated recently both in China and abroad and which not only mislead public opinion, but have a serious repercussion on trade." He writes as follows:

"The reports which are most persistent are precisely those which are most ill-founded. One is that a monarchial restoration has actually occurred, or is imminent; another, that the country not only offers an attractive field for Bolshevism but that an insidious and far-reaching campaign of propaganda is actually raging which may engulf the nation."

"Both reports disclose singular ignorance of existing conditions and of the whole trend of Chinese thought. The factors which led to the abdication of the Manchu dynasty nearly a decade ago are not only operative to-day, but have been made a hundred-fold more powerful by natural development and by the march of events throughout the world. It may be said generally that the people at large are so completely accustomed to the republican idea that the conception of a hereditary ruler seems to belong to a remote past."

"As for Bolshevist doctrines, China is probably the last country in the world that need fear what is the nightmare of other nations. Not only is the land all divided and tightly held in small parcels by title deed among tens of millions of cultivators, who comprise seven-tenths of the population, but capitalism in the European sense is virtually absent. Chinese society, with its ancient collectivist structure, indeed offers such a serious challenge to Marxian communism that the practice of the latter seems both retrograde and elementary. Contact with Bolshevist elements along an open land frontier thousands of miles in length, and the continued presence of large Chinese trading communities in Russian towns—when all other foreigners have disappeared—tend to prove that the Chinese are immune and alone of all nations can hold their own in competition with sovietism."

SHIP SHORTAGE DELAYS SOLDIER EMIGRATION FROM GREAT BRITAIN

London, Dec. 28.—(By Mail, Canadian Associated Press)—It is asserted that there are many thousands of soldier-emigrants whose departure has been delayed for weeks, and in some cases for months, owing to the shortage of shipping accommodation. This applies principally to the soldiers going to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The applications lodged with the Overseas Settlement Committee of the Colonial Office for passages under the Government Emigration scheme for the free transport of ex-service men and women to the Dominions total over 60,000 together with an equal number of dependents, but not more than one-third of these have been able to secure passages up to date.

In this connection the Ministry of Shipping state that the reduced sailing from Great Britain to the Overseas Dominions, which was brought about in the first instance by the war, is handicapped on emigrations which, now that normal conditions are returning, need not exist much longer. It is a difficulty (says the Ministry) in an official minute) which could be remedied in the near future if the Dominions concerned would only give some reasonable guarantee of the number of emigrants for whom they will require passages during the coming year.

No difficulty in that respect is anticipated as far as Canada is concerned, when the Canadian emigration season, which is practically suspended during the Winter, opens again in March next. If, however, the other two Dominions, Australia and New Zealand, would provide the necessary guarantees for some extended period from January next, the Ministry of Shipping is assured that the steamship companies would, on their part, undertake to provide whatever passenger accommodation might be required.

SUGGESTED CUT IN MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR'S SALARY NEGATIVED

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Taking the stand that even if the School Board had not the power to diminish J. E. Gordon, municipal inspector of schools, it had the right to say what his salary should be, Trustee J. M. Simpson, at a board meeting last night, moved a resolution that Mr. Gordon's salary in future should be \$50 a month, but this with four other resolutions dealing with the desired release of officials, was declared negatived by the chairman.

Mr. Prescott, the chairman, stated after the meeting that it was his intention to reinstate the present officials to carry on the board's work until such time as the situation was cleared up.

SENATOR BLONDIN MAY CONTEST YAMASKA SEAT

Quebec, Dec. 29.—The report is current here that Hon. Senator P. E. Blondin, Postmaster-General, will resign his seat in the Senate to run in Yamaska County, now vacant through the death of O. Gladiu, M.P., and that Hon. Albert Seigney, former Secretary of State, will be called upon to take a seat in the Senate, becoming one of the representatives of the Province of Quebec in the Cabinet.

Senator Blondin is a native of St. Francis de La, an important town in the county, where he has lived for a number of years.

Late yesterday it was learned that Hon. Albert Seigney had been called to Ottawa. Reports are also being circulated that Hon. Justice Desjardins will be called to return to politics, and may be called to the Ministry.

In Conservative circles the reports are taken quite seriously. The Liberals will certainly oppose any candidate at Yamaska, it was believed.

STRONG POSITION OF ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Shown in Its Annual Report Last Month

The Royal Bank of Canada, in its annual statement for the fiscal year ending November 30th, discloses a position of exceptional strength and at the same time establishes a new high record for a Canadian bank in point of assets and earnings, by reporting total assets of \$384,670,913 and earnings of \$4,253,648.

The Royal, with its chain of over 600 branches across the entire Dominion, affords a unique opportunity of gauging conditions throughout the whole country. With the steady expansion of trade and industry there has been a corresponding increase in the accommodation afforded to Canadian business, and as a result current loans in Canada have increased to \$182,747,409, compared with \$143,234,518 last year, a gain of over \$40,000,000.

Notwithstanding the large increase in its business, the Bank has at the same time maintained a position of marked strength. Liquid assets of \$279,197,713 are equal to over 50% of liabilities to the public, and it is interesting to note that the cash on hand and in banks is over 30% of public liabilities, an unusually strong and favorable feature.

Large Gain in Savings. Of special interest from the standpoint of the general public is the striking evidence that the Canadian people, even during a year of readjustments, have been adding steadily to their savings. As a result there is a gain of over \$70,000,000 in savings deposits, these now standing at \$231,688,078, compared with \$259,465,163, such a development, especially under the general conditions that have prevailed, must be attributed in very large part to the complete organization which the Bank has now worked out in every section of the country.

In view of the important part Canada is taking in the international trade of the world, it is interesting to note from the Return to the Dominion Government that deposits elsewhere than in Canada show an increase for the year of over \$42,000,000 and continue to be largely in excess of the outside commercial loans. At the end of the fiscal year the outside deposits totalled \$184,109,000, against outside commercial loans of \$102,674,210, thus continuing the policy of always making this outside business entirely self-supporting and in no way dependent on the Canadian resources of the Bank.

Capital Increased. During the year the capital of the Bank has been increased by over \$3,000,000 by an issue of new shares, which have been absorbed by the shareholders, and an addition of \$2,134,010 has been made to the Reserve Fund, the Capital and Reserve now being each \$26,134,010.

The profits for the year, after making full allowance for all bank and doubtful debts and providing for every possible contingency, may be said to have been a record. Compared with \$3,423,264 for the previous year, the year's profit, after larger provisions unduly reflecting the greater business handled, as well as the larger capital which was employed, the profits, added to the balance brought forward, for the previous year, made a total amount available for distribution of \$5,350,067. This amount was appropriated as follows:—Dividend, \$2,151,153; bonus of 2% to shareholders, \$402,880; transferred to Officers' Pension Fund, \$100,000; written off Bank Premises Account, \$400,000; War Tax on Bank Note Circulation, \$180,295; transferred to Reserve Fund, \$1,567,005, leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$448,923.

From a banking standpoint nothing could be more satisfactory than the strong liquid position shown, and especially the exceptionally large cash reserves which the Bank has carried at a time when the Bank is handling the largest business in its history. From the standpoint of the general public the striking evidence of the frugality of the Canadian people, as shown in the large gain in savings, will be noted with much satisfaction.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE AT RIGA

Riga, Dec. 29.—The peace negotiations between the Poles and the Russians were interrupted for three days at the Christmas tide only. The commissioners have resumed work.

No trouble is expected to arise inside the peace conference, which it is believed will finish its work, as both sides are interested in reaching an agreement during the Winter. Reports received here are that trouble is brewing in Latvia and that the Bolsheviks already are crossing the borders of the Baltic states.

There is seemingly not the least cause for any such trouble this Winter. The stock exchange activities are normal, there is plenty of food for the population, and no internal disturbance is expected, as the Social Democratic congress held in Riga December 18-20 took a stand against the communists and rejected adherence to the Third International by a large majority.

Relations between Soviet Russia and the Baltic states lately have been improving. Several commercial treaties are under consideration. It is said that even if Soviet Russia's assurances of loyalty proved unreliable, no trouble can be expected this Winter.

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TRAVEL IS BECOMING NORMAL IN GERMANY

Trains More Frequent, But Deluxe Cars Eliminated

Munich, Dec. 29.—Traveling conditions within Germany are more normal than in most other parts of Europe. Trains are frequent and generally on time when not compelled to wait for connections with trains from other countries. There are fewer trains de luxe than formerly. Many lines do not operate first-class sleeping cars. But most important trains carry sleepers with second-class accommodations that is two persons in each compartment. Few trains have dining cars, although most sleeping-car conductors provide coffee and tea for passengers and sandwiches, cakes and fruits can be had from vendors at nearly all important stations.

Cars and stations are clean and fairly well heated. The trams are courteous to foreigners and talk French and English with apparent fluency. This is probably due to the fact that foreigners are more liberal in their fees and German railwaymen make such small salaries that they are eager to augment them.

Travel to and from East Prussia is more troublesome than in any other part of the country. Most trains are delayed at least two hours by Polish officials at the Danzig Corridor and frequently the delay is much longer. The Poles require Polish visas for all passengers crossing the corridor, and the fee for an American is \$10, regardless of whether he desires to stop in the strip under Polish control. Passengers crossing the corridor in Germany charged higher rates for foreigners from countries where the exchange was better than in Germany, especially to Americans. But this practice has been abandoned by all important hotels. Shopkeepers occasionally try to charge Americans and Englishmen more for the same price on their goods, but the practice has been resented so strongly that few important concerns continue it.

The attitude of the German public toward English-speaking travelers is almost universally courteous. Occasionally Germans will leave a comment where English is spoken, but the great majority of Germans seem to enjoy an opportunity to practice English and will frankly say so.

JUDGMENT ORDERS LICENSE OFFICER TO PAY DAMAGES

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Justice Middleton yesterday delivered judgment whereby J. O. L. Spracklin, special license officer must pay Oscar E. Fleming, barrister, Windor, \$500 damages for wrongful entry and Stanley M. Hallam and Wm. E. Hallam, who accompanied Spracklin, have damages of \$50 each given against them. Moreover, His Lordship held that a "police" is not a "vehicle" upon the public highway" to use the phrase of the Ontario Temperance Act, which ruling may have notable consequences on the Windsor frontier.

BIRTHDAY OF PRESIDENT WILSON IS OBSERVED

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson, who entered the White House at the age of fifty-six, yesterday celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of his birth. The president, before retiring to the life of a private citizen.

All of the members of the President's immediate family, with the exception of William G. McAdoo, his son-in-law, spent the day with him. Business engagements prevented Mr. McAdoo coming to Washington, but Mrs. McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sayre, daughter and Miss Margaret Wilson were present for an informal birthday party given by Mrs. Wilson for the President. Messages of congratulation included one from King George of Great Britain.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE NOTES.

Shawnigan Lake, Dec. 28.—Seldom has the S.L.A.A. Hall held a more joyous gathering than that held on Tuesday evening last, the occasion being the Community Christmas Tree. At 8 o'clock between fifty and sixty children sat down to a sumptuous supper, to which they did ample justice. Then while the parents were having supper the kiddies gathered in the main hall and played games. At 8:30 the children were all seated in front of the Christmas tree, and almost immediately Santa Claus, whose build resembled most remarkably George McAdoo, in an appearance, and distributed the presents. Every child in the district was remembered, and several of the grown-ups, particularly the bachelors, were then on hand to see that the Christmas tree was a success.

Instead of holding their weekly whist drive on Thursday evening as usual, the Community Club are holding a social and dance on New Year's Eve. Prizes will also be awarded to those who have had the highest scores this quarter.

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MAJOR BELL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO COAST

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Major Bell, assistant director of the Department of Soldiers' Re-Establishment at Halifax, has been transferred to British Columbia, with headquarters at Vancouver. He will succeed George Dean, present administrative head of Soldiers' Re-Establishment work in this Province, who is taking up other work outside the service. The change will go into effect January 15.

Major Bell has left the East for Vancouver. The new appointment will carry administration of the consolidated body formed by the recent transfer of the local offices of the pensions commissioners to the department of the S.C.R.

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LABOR AND IRELAND.

If the British Labor Commission's report on conditions in Ireland could be relied upon as a definitely impartial document one might be tempted to take it at its face value. But there is a glaring omission in the summing up. Not the slightest suggestion appears to have been included in the Commission's findings that acknowledges provocative acts on the part of the Sinn Féin or "Republican" forces. Wholesale murder of policemen, cowardly attacks on Government officials, and the whole catalogue of terrorism which has been rampant for months past apparently do not call for treatment by the investigators.

Its condemnation of the Government's policy — and there is no doubt that the law has been enforced on many occasions by a drastic interpretation of its limits on the part of those immediately entrusted with authority — is presumably based upon such circumstances as came within its immediate inquiry. But it is possible for any body of men, irrespective of facility extended to it, to go to Ireland and pronounce an accurate verdict upon the manner in which the law is being obeyed or enforced? At best the information gleaned would come from prejudiced sources.

At the same time the Labor Commission is an important body and its report may not be ignored. It has made direct charges against the forces of the Crown and British tradition will compel an inquiry into those charges and exact punishment in all cases where guilt is proved. Nevertheless Labor itself immediately challenges the Constitution when it moves towards the application of what has the suggestion of industrial action as a means of compelling the British Government to permit Ireland to decide her own future. Between the two Mr. Lloyd George has his hands full.

FUME FARCE FINISHED.

After one of the most foolhardy enterprises Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio has been brought to his senses. He has surrendered all his powers to the Fiume Municipal Council. Although farcical to a degree it was a difficult situation for the Italian Government from the outset. D'Annunzio numbered many friends in Italy and demonstrations from time to time provided the authorities with only a very meagre idea of the actual support that might be rendered to the poet-defender of Fiume in the event of any determined effort to take the place by force of arms. It was as well, therefore, that D'Annunzio was permitted to issue his manifestos and indulge his vanity and aspirations until he should reach the point of ridicule at which the Italian Government might take a hand without fear of reproval from any but a small section of the people as a whole. But it is to be deplored that the mad venture should have been fraught with the loss of so many lives.

THE ELECTIONS ACT.

Whatever minor amendments may be necessary to the new Provincial Elections Act, it would be advisable for the Legislature to take into consideration the number of votes rejected owing to the absence of the official mark on the ballot paper itself. In a number of instances the voter has been penalized during the counting process because this procedure was not carried out by the deputy returning officer at the polling station in accordance with the provisions of the Act. To suggest that papers without this distinguishing mark be allowed to pass would open the way to the very abuse that the mark was intended to prevent. But to per-

mit official carelessness to deny the voter of his or her franchise is an anomaly which the Legislature should take an early occasion to remove.

AGREEMENT NECESSARY.

If the press of the three countries involved will take upon itself the task of educating the people against a renewal of the race in armaments gigantic fleets and powerful armies will go out of fashion in a very short space of time. There ought to be enough commonsense among the influential people of Great Britain, the United States and Japan to grasp the possibilities of an organized campaign in favor of an all-round reduction of fighting equipment. If the three great naval powers of the world can be urged to take the lead in a movement of this sort their influence alone would be sufficient to bring the other nations into line. The alternative is a tremendous increase in taxation, the cultivation of international jealousies and hatreds, and the inevitable result—war. Surely the people of the United States will not consent to a programme which would ultimately involve them in just the sort of a predicament which Senator Harding's election was expected to avoid.

ADVERTISING VALUE.

There are those people in Great Britain who still cling to the idea that British Columbia is the real wild and woolly West in every sense of the term. When they attempt to visualize life in this Province their mental picture is not complete without its complement of cowboys and busting bronchos prancing down the main street of every good sized town. But if the British Empire Press Union continues the programme which recently opened at the London Opera House the pictorial version of the tour of the Imperial Press representatives should dispel many of the antiquated ideas about life in the Canadian West. The series depict many of the outstanding incidents of the tour from the time of landing until the party reached Vancouver Island. The initial view was a private function and the gathering included many of the delegates themselves who voted the "show" an excellent one. And as the pictures are shown throughout the Motherland Canada's importance in every way will be emphasized in a pleasant fashion.

SOUTH VANCOUVER.

During the last eleven months the Municipality of South Vancouver has paid just a little over four hundred thousand dollars of its debts. This is an excellent showing. It is proof that the community is gradually recovering from the effects of the financial spree in which it indulged with a number of other municipalities a few years ago. Such substantial progress under its present administration augurs well for the future. The Government has justified its course in going to the municipality's aid and Commissioner Gillespie's management appears to have warranted the experiment resorted to. It ought not to take long at the present rate of recovery to regain sufficient lost ground to encourage the Government to restore the original civic status.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Mr. Lloyd George is earning his salary these days.

What with unemployment problems, the Canadian embargo and the storm of protest, the Irish question in general and Labor's veiled threat in particular, King Constantine, the mandatories, and whether armaments shall be reduced or increased, the British Prime Minister's job is not all "beer and skittles."

Eamon de Valera is scheduled to make an appearance in Spokane early in the New Year. A visit to Victoria might be interesting for the Spanish-American President of the Irish Republic.

Yesterday's Vancouver Sun contained a very biting editorial reference to the drydock and took the Prime Minister and his Cabinet severely to task for committing the country to such

an expenditure at this time. What would happen if the Government suddenly made up its mind to build it at Vancouver?

To complete the picture of conditions in Ireland the British Government should commission Mr. A. G. Gardiner to tour the Isle and give his impressions with characteristic gloom.

One of these days the Irish question will be settled all of a sudden and then what a disappointment it will be to all who had hoped to see the British Empire split on the Sinn Féin rock!

The New York Herald is printing a series of articles in support of armament reduction. This is the sort of a campaign to bring the fire eaters to their senses.

It would be interesting to know whether the Moderationists and the Prohibitionists have arranged to meet and pool ideas for a liquor control bill. The Government should be able to rely upon some such co-operation.

OTHER PAPERS' VIEWS

Mr. SPEAKER'S RULING
(Manchester Guardian.)

Whenever complaint is made of a new ruling by the speaker those whom the ruling suits are rather apt to dismiss criticism as the factious troubling of opposition members or the newspapers which happen to be supporting him. This is not really the case. Just as judges are bound by decisions made in similar cases by their predecessors—whether they themselves agree with such decisions or not—so speakers are guided by the rulings of other speakers, and every new ruling which tends to limit the freedom of the private member may become in effect the law of the house and may be a weapon some day against those who approve it now. The speaker does not normally initiate, for the custom of parliament is the growth of centuries, and apart from the Standing Orders (and even they are interpreted by the speaker) is the result of a long series of decisions by the occupants of the chair. The speaker "gets up" these rulings and, in the general way, considers himself bound by them. Occasionally, however, some point arises which is not covered by any previous ruling, and then Mr. Speaker may have to make a rapid decision, with the knowledge that whatever he decides, will probably bind his successors. This is, therefore, the most responsible part of his work. Nominally the house has the power to disagree and to direct the speaker otherwise; but the house itself is jealous of the speaker's authority, and such a challenge, successfully maintained, is a great rarity. Periodical revision of the Standing Orders may reverse speakers' decisions.

WHERE IT STARTED

MULTIPLICATION TABLES.
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The ordinary table of the days of our year has several more complicated ramifications. The principle of multiplication by quarter-squares (the product of two numbers equals one-quarter the square of their sum minus one-quarter the square of their difference) which is used in multiplying large numbers, was known to the Arabs—and is probably of Hindu origin. The first printed table of quarter-squares was made in 1556 by Lalande, who worked out the quarter-squares of all numbers up to 100,000.

WHY

DOES A CAT FALL ON ITS FEET?

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Many of the members of what we call the "lower types" of animal life, possess natural attributes which can be approached only with difficulty and after long training by human beings. The cat, for example, can run faster than anything else on two legs; a dog's lungs are many times more powerful than those of a man's; and the strength in the hind legs of a flea makes even those of a kangaroo appear puny and weak by comparison.

The cat does not possess many of these superlative qualities, but it is equipped by nature with the facility of landing on its feet, probably due to the centuries during which its ancestors roamed the woods and leaped from bough to bough, for squirrels and other animals that lead a similar life have the same facility. This sure-footed ability is due to two causes, the construction of that portion of the feline brain which controls the balance, and certain sets of muscles which enable it to turn rapidly without the necessity of securing an initial impulse. That part can develop this trait to a certain degree is evident from the feats of acrobats and dancers, but even then it takes years of practice to attain something that comes natural to the cat.

MAYORALTY NOMINATIONS

IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 29.—Following were nominations for Mayor in the north county on Monday:
Cobalt—Mayor D. McEachern and P. McLennan.
Haliburton—Mayor N. J. McAuley, re-elected by acclamation for his eighth term.
New Liskeard—Mayor W. Taylor, acting.
Timmins—Dr. J. A. McInnis, Dr. H. H. Moore, E. L. Longmore and A. Branson.

CHEAPER

"Fancy your getting married again, Mrs. Simale. I hope you have done wisely."
"Yes, mum; I reckon. Yew see, I have so much washing to take 'ome now, if I adn't got 'e I should have been forced to buy a donkey, sure 'nough."—London Tatler.

SET OPENING OF HOUSE

The opening of the B. C. Legislature on February 8 is announced in this week's issue of The B. C. Gazette, to be published to-morrow. It will be the first session of the fifteenth Legislature.

HALT DEMANDED

IN RACE FOR NAVAL SUPREMACY

(Continued from page 1.)

It is not difficult to see how a race to defeat any possible hostile combination. He has made no explanation of his meaning. His silence is incomprehensible for the only possible combination, justifying a huge American fleet would be that of Japan and Great Britain, which is unthinkable. If Japan and America came to war Great Britain would back America.

After remarking that Japan is not in a position to indulge with any advantage to herself in naval rivalry with the United States, the paper concludes: "It has been shown that the conditions of the three great powers are all similar and comparable. None of them has money to burn on immense naval armaments, none of them knows what type of ships will win battles in the future. In all of them the majority of the population wants peace and economy. If this opinion can be mobbed it will move too much for the scaremongers and militarists, the world wants peace, and no building."

The Morning Post proposes that an Anglo-American agreement be concluded for naval work to be done in concert. The Morning Post then dwells upon the fact that the American and British navies fought side by side for a year and a half "with the utmost cordiality and good will."

"No formal alliance between the two nations," continues the paper, "could more solidly have united two services; yet this was the moment chosen by American politicians to declare in effect that the British navy was a potential menace to America."

"It is commonly said that Japan is building against America. Japan is our very good friend, and we know of no differences between that nation and the United States. But let us suppose, for the sake of argument, that differences should arise."

Agreement Proposed.
Would they not be more easily composed were there a naval agreement between America and Great Britain in existence, still assuming, for the sake of argument, that Japan should be tempted to use her navy for purpose of national expansion, would not an Anglo-American naval combination, which would leave Japan in the position of being the only naval power in the world open to suspicion of aggressive purposes exercise a salutary effect?

To these speculations, however, we prefer the hope that Japan may become a party to the better understanding of the right use of sea power among civilized nations, which we are now proposing.

"Again, we come to the hard material aspect of the case. It is, in fact, economically impossible for Japan to outbuild the United States. The British fleet is not and has not for a hundred years been a menace to peaceful power, nor did the war with this country of 1918 has the American navy ever threatened a peaceful nation."

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Rex Must Have Daily Bath, Sauer Kraut and Christmas Tree, Woman's Will Provides.

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MOTOR DEALERS

DEMAND REFUND

OF LUXURY TAXES

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—A large delegation comprised of nearly fifty representative automobile dealers from all parts of the Dominion waited upon Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, this morning, to demand a refund of the luxury tax, which they were forced to pay the Government upon unold cars in stock, at the time the tax was lifted.

BRITISH TREASURY

OFFICIAL TO VISIT

UNITED STATES SOON

Washington, Dec. 29.—A representative of the British Treasury will reach this country soon, Secretary Houston said to-day, to continue in Washington the discussion of the exchange into long time obligations of the demand notes of the British Government held by the United States.

SLOW WORK
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If medical men will continue to fight reform and persist in remaining in the fold of the reactionaries, where I am sorry to say many of them prefer to stay, they should not be sur-

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—Women's Shoes, First Floor

—Men's Shoes, Main Floor

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BRIDES MUST GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Sudbury, Dec. 29.—Brides under 18 years of age resident in Ontario will have to return to school next September, according to Fred P. Gavin, Inspector of Technical Education of the Province. This will come about when section three of the Adolescent Act comes into force, which is with the beginning of the Fall term in 1921. Mr. Gavin says they estimate that there will be 100 boys and girls affected.

Social Personal

Harry Johns, who returned from the North Pacific Dental College, Portland, Oregon, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, accompanied by his friend, Arthur W. Wicks, of Seattle, on Monday evening he was the host at an enjoyable little dance at his home, 352 Gorge Road, when the guests included the Misses Honora Steneland, Velma Miller, Roberta Balcom, Jean Macdonald, Helen Dawson, Florence Dawson, Grace Hall, Frances Legg, Muriel Knott, Eleanor Parfitt, Maple Winterburn, Lillian Mackenzie, Lita French, Claudia Cullum, Phyllis Knappman, Vera Chadwick, Evelyn McLean, Mildred Russell, Elsie Menkus, Vivian Matthews, Messrs. Wilson Mitchell, Roddy MacLean, Ronald Whittington, Stanley Moore, Kenneth McCannel, Harold Finland, Arthur Wicks (Seattle), Jack Elford, Bob McLean, Hugh Jackson, Lewis Thomas, Wilkinson, Frank Corin, William La Beau, Rowan Mackenzie, Ernest Knappton, Leslie Carter, Thomas Sturgess and Fred Richards.

Mme. Amenta Galli-Curci, grand opera star, of Chicago, has announced her approaching marriage to Homer Samuels, her accompanist. Mme. Galli-Curci will complete her naturalization on January 16, and friends of the soprano expect her marriage to Mr. Samuels to take place on the same day. Mme. Galli-Curci, who was formerly the wife of Marcuse Luigi C. Curci, obtained a divorce from him a year ago.

Geo. Burns, Mrs. Burns, Charles Jeffrey, Mrs. Jeffrey, Mrs. W. Moffitt, John Moffitt, of Portage la Prairie, A. Beercroft and family, of Islay, Alberta; C. Muir and Mrs. Muir, of Saskatoon; W. G. Fairbank, of Wapella; Henz Spiess and son, of Regina, and E. M. Moorhouse, of Calgary, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Umbach, Wellington Avenue, have had as their guests for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Frye, of Seattle. On Christmas Day Mrs. Umbach entertained at dinner when her guests included Mr. and Mrs. Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hoard, Miss Greer, Master Robert Hoard and Miss Millicent Umbach.

Mrs. M. S. McLeod, of Calgary, T. Keir, of Edmonton, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coates, of Milk River, Alberta.

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The nurses of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital entertained over one hundred guests last evening on the occasion of their annual Christmas dance. The recreation room, in which dancing took place, was artistically arranged with green, crimson, orange and purple balloons, hung from the ceiling, the current of air from an electric fan keeping the colorful spheres in motion. The corridors and sitting-room were also gay with holly and greenery, and crimson-shaded lights. A delicious supper was served in the lecture-room, where the seasonable decorations were repeated with charming effect.

A very pretty wedding took place on December 27, when Sydney Dyke Biles, of Esquimalt, and Miss Mary Ann Love, of Victoria, were united in St. John's Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, the rector of St. John's, in the presence of a large number of friends. The bride was supported by Miss Rosina Dawes, of Victoria, and John Cross, of Esquimalt, acted as best man.

J. H. Bone and the Misses Bone, of Ladysmith, F. M. Fleming and Mrs. L. D. Harvey, of Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McConnell, of Cowichan, Mrs. H. P. Cox and son, of William Head, Mrs. F. Cutler and Miss Cutler, of Kamloops, S. H. Hopkins, of Courtenay, and E. Lewis, of Prince Rupert, are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

The Bishop and Dean of Columbia out of respect to the late Lieutenant-Governor propose to abandon their custom of being at home on New Year's Day. They hope, however, to fix a day in the middle of January when they will be delighted to receive their many friends in the school.

Mrs. William Sproule and daughter, Mrs. Baldwin, wife of the present agent of the Southern Pacific Railway, San Francisco, are guests at the Empress Hotel, and will spend the next few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, of Cowichan, Mrs. A. J. Macdonald, of Mains and family, of Duncan; Mrs. Stevenson and daughter, of Combs, and H. V. Hildridge, of Port Alberni, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

H. Graham, of Lytton; P. L. McElroy, of Quenell; A. M. McDermott, M. B. Nelson and William Lamond, of New Westminster, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Lieut. L. M. Black, M.C., of Esquimalt, has been spending the Christmas holidays in Vancouver as the guests of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. George Black.

A. B. Graham and Mrs. Graham, of Merrville; L. H. Hart, of Comox, and William Thomson, of Jamaica, were new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Earle have gone over to Vancouver, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brougham over the week-end.

Mrs. Margaret Jenkins is a visitor in Seattle, where she is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fox, over the holidays.

Miss F. Fraser Watt returned to the city yesterday after being the guest of Mrs. Toft, Vancouver, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Woodward, of 150-Mile House, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Miss Shelby, of Portland, Oregon, is the guest of Mrs. McTavish, 912 Heywood Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Brien, of Vancouver, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

W. A. Moore, of Bellevue, Manitoba, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

P. L. Lyford, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

DR. YOUNG TO SPEAK TO WOMEN'S CLUB

Reception Also Planned in January For Mr. and Mrs. Henry Esmond

Dr. H. E. Young, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Women's Canadian Club, to be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 1, at 2:15 in the Empress Hotel. Dr. Young will speak on "Public Health," and as the subject is one of paramount interest, especially to women, it is hoped that all members will attend.

Announcement is made that in January, probably on January 18, Mrs. Moore will have the pleasure of personally meeting Henry Esmond, the noted English actor, and his equally famous wife, Mrs. Esmond, who they have accepted an invitation to address the club during their engagement in this city. It is probable that the affair will take the form of a reception, but fuller details will be announced at a later date.

Women's Auxiliary, G. A. U. V.—Final plans were made for the Christmas entertainment on Thursday night at the general meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, G. A. U. V. C. O. of the city. The program was well attended and all members were enthusiastic over the coming concert. A special meeting will be called for Monday, January 3, for the election of officers for the coming year.

CHILDRENS' FANCY DRESS BALL LIKE FAIRYLAND SCENE

Over 600 Children in Charming Costumes at Last Night's Function

The fertile imagination of Hans Andersen, the originator of the fairy stories beloved of childhood, never conceived a prettier or more joyous scene of dancing nymphs and gossamer fairies than was presented at the Empress Hotel last evening when the annual fancy dress ball drew the bonniest of Victoria's lovely children to this popular rendezvous.

Twelve Hundred Guests. Long before the Grand March took place at 9 o'clock the ballroom was thronged with children, who drew the bonniest of Victoria's lovely children to this popular rendezvous.

Grand March. At 9 o'clock the children were called to order and the Grand March was formed. Four abreast, and led by four of the tiniest tots, Jocelyn McCarter as a fluffy pink powder puff, Helen Helmer as a tiny russet, Betty McIntosh, a pink rose, and Joyce Murphy a pale blue fairy, the little guests performed the evolutions of the Grand March to the accompaniment of the most beautiful music.

Heaton's orchestra enconced on a dais just within the ballroom door was in excellent form and played an exceptionally pleasing program of fox-trot and one-step to the tiny toes. After supper, the grown-ups mingled with the children on the floor and dancing was continued until 11 o'clock.

Among the many little guests were: Daphne Pooley, a pink fairy; Audrey, Bushby, Spring; John Bushby, Rajah of Bhong; Tim Martin, Martin, Robin Hood; Mary Scrabble, Mrs. Charles P. Gardner, and her able committee which included members of the Agnes Deans Cameron and Florence Nightingale Chapters, I.O.D.E.

The tables presented an attractive sight with their decorations of miniature Christmas trees, and scarlet and green streamers, while Christmas bells and a lavish use of scarlet and green bunting added to the colorful effect. A huge Christmas cake, laden with fruit and cream, was the centerpiece of the table reserved for the mothers.

At the conclusion of the supper, the children were served with the gift of Mrs. J. C. Barnacle, held the position of honor in the center of the table reserved for the mothers.

The next item on the program was the distribution of gifts. In the unavoidable absence of Santa Claus, who according to Rev. Mr. Owen, was suffering from a severe cold, Mother Goose in costume, complete with the goose under her arms, undertook to act as his deputy. Mother Goose, whose costume effectively disguised the identity of the donor, then handed to each little guest a parcel containing toys and some useful gift, such as warm mittens, a new sweater, a shirt or other comfort. The beautifully dressed dolls, the gift of the Campbell Patriotic Club through the Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, were much admired.

Throughout the afternoon Miss Thain's orchestra rendered a musical program to the delight of the guests. This additional treat being made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Stevenson.

Busy Committees. Mrs. Andrew Wright acted as general convenor in the absence of Mrs. R. S. Day, and headed the committee, which included the regents of all primary chapters as well as members of the Patriotic Service Committee. The shopping committee, which consisted of Mrs. H. A. S. Morley (convenor), Mrs. Andrew Wright, Mrs. R. S. Day, and Mrs. J. C. Barnacle, had been busy days collecting the various gifts. Mrs. Gordon Smith was the secretary of the affair, and Mrs. H. Hardie the treasurer.

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On their departure after a very happy afternoon, each widow and daughter when to change to winter wear, but father is now the only one who pays any attention.—Canton News.

girl; Patricia Donnelly, Grecian lady; Doris Gibson, early Victorian; Jean Gibson, cowgirl; Athalia Gibson, Scotch lassie; Desmond Martin, swallow-tailed butterfly; Florence O'Brien; Frieda and Jane Warner; Patricia Dier, Phil; Louise Ommundsen, Dutch girl; Enid Dier, Carmen; Patricia Dier, King Charles; Connie Chow, daffodil; Fred North, cavalier; Olga Seymour, cavalier; Mona Jacobs, early Victorian; Griselda Bagshaw, Spaniard; Victoria Gardiner, rosebud; Iris Laprak, daffodil; Molly Swift, Bo-Pop; Cyril Turner, devil; Douglas Jacobs, pirate; Royden and Arthur Morris; Beryl and Lenore Hyndman; Kathleen Gahan, the French Huguenot; pale blue fairy; Betty McIntosh, rose; Trudie Green, Prosperine; Alma Cathels, fairy; Teddy Cathels, Little Lord; Pauline; Gertrude and Beatrice Hicks; Hilda Langton, French peasant; Miss Sehl, Egyptian lady; Miss McKenna, Winter; Fred Hall, pierrot; Dorothy McCree, Court Lady; B. Humber, Turkish lady; B. Camus, Turkish lady; Doris Pimley, gypsy; Helen Middleton, Red Indian; Josephine, courtier; Hazel Hesson, gypsy; E. Delahunty, pierrette; C. Walker, fairy; G. McCulloch, clown; Bruce White, Chinaman; Winifred Young, Grecian lady; Margarette Sanderson, Spring; Irene Whelden, gypsy; Betty Bond, pink rose; Mary Swinerton and Margarette and Helen Vantreigh, of Gordon Head.

I.O.D.E. ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS' ORPHANS

Widows and Their Kiddies Guests at Christmas Party Yesterday

To one hundred and fifty little sons and daughters of soldiers who fell in the great war, Christmas of 1920 will be tinged with happy memories, for yesterday afternoon the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E. held its annual Christmas party for these fatherless kiddies and their widowed mothers.

Glittering Trees. As in previous years, the affair was staged in the Alexandra House ballroom, and throughout the afternoon the spacious room rang to the sound of happy laughter and dancing feet. The central post of honor was given over to a huge Christmas tree of brooding proportions and perfect symmetry, which had been given by James Dunsmuir. Festoons of glittering silver, garlands, and numerous varied colored electric lights made of the tree a thing of beauty which elicited the admiration of every guest. Baskets of laurel and evergreens in each window embrasure, from which hung huge scarlet bows, with rows of Christmas bells pendant from the long mirrors at the south end of the hall, gave a festive air to the scene, while the standards of the Chapters draped before each mirror around the hall were symbolic of the patriotism which inspired the fallen soldiers to their great sacrifice. The Misses Dunsmuir undertook the decorations.

Delicious Tea. Led by Mrs. Sayer, convenor of the entertainment committee, and the Rev. A. de B. Owen, who was an informal master of ceremonies, the children played old-fashioned games until tea was served at 4 o'clock. The kiddies and their mothers then trooped down to the basement cafe where cakes, sandwiches, jellies and other good things were served by Mrs. Charles P. Gardner and her able committee which included members of the Agnes Deans Cameron and Florence Nightingale Chapters, I.O.D.E.

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Facts About Your Name: Its History: Its Meaning: Whence It Was Derived: Its Significance: Your Lucky Day and Lucky Jewels. By Mildred Margash. Copyright, 1920, by The Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.

PATTY. The charming name of Patty is not a diminutive of Patricia as is popularly supposed, but comes, curiously enough, from Martha. For that reason it means "becoming littler," despite the fact that it has always been bestowed upon the sweetest heroines of classic fiction. Patty has a certain sacred significance since it was derived from the Martha who was one of the sisters of Bethany. It was she who is said to have destroyed by the sheer power of her faith a fire-breathing dragon which attacked her family while they were on a pilgrimage. Altogether, she is popularly supposed to have been the sister of Mary Magdalen, there is some doubt among historians on this score. But however it may be, Martha was the forerunner of Patty, and gives to the latter name not only a religious flavor but a good, old-fashioned name, which has become almost synonymous with domesticity. A curious fact in her revolution is that she was derived through Russia where Martha became Paria under slav influence. And later America, to evolve Patty as an endearment. Ireland set the seal of approval upon Patty, preferring it to Martha, whose only survival is "Mab," queen of the Fairies. France rejects Patty, but uses Martha and Marthon. Martha is the Italian version. Patty's fair England, and later America, to evolve Patty as an endearment. Ireland set the seal of approval upon Patty, preferring it to Martha, whose only survival is "Mab," queen of the Fairies. France rejects Patty, but uses Martha and Marthon. Martha is the Italian version. Patty's fair England, and later America, to evolve Patty as an endearment.

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The collection includes distinctive models of Jersey cloth in the newest and smartest styles; some are trimmed with silk embroidery, others are plain; the colors are grey, sand, brown, navy and henna. Priced to clear at \$25.00 and \$29.50 each.

Suits at Half-Price and Less

12 Only, Women's All-Wool Navy Serge Suits in smart styles, well tailored and lined throughout. Now clearing at half price—\$25.00 each.

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Separate Skirts

A collection of silk, satin, serge, plain and plaid cloth skirts TO CLEAR AT HALF PRICE.

Plain Black Serge Skirts with wide belts and pockets; now priced to clear at \$5.25 each.

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A collection of Black Satin Skirts, now priced to clear at \$15.00 each.

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The Entire Stock of Furs to Clear at One-Third Off Regular Prices

Black Siberian Wolf Stoles now priced to clear at \$9.75, \$17.50, and \$26.50 each.

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BRIEF LOCALS

Salvation Army Christmas Tree.—The Salvation Army Sunday School's annual Christmas tree and concert will be held at the Citadel on Wednesday evening, December 29, at 7.30 o'clock.

Will Run For Police Board.—Harry R. Savage, manager of the Standard Steam Laundry, announced yesterday that he would run for a position on the city Police Commission at the January municipal election.

Christmas Entertainment.—On Thursday evening the children of St. Mary's Sunday School will hold their Christmas entertainment in St. Mary's Hall, Yale Street, commencing at 7.45 sharp. This is the first of its kind to be given by the school, and those taking part are anxious that all parents and friends will attend.

Referred to Medical Officer.—The Esquimalt Council last night referred to the municipal health officer a resolution drafted by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of British Columbia protesting against allowing the use of tubercular cattle for human food.

Craigdarroch Party.—The last of the entertainments to be held in the Craigdarroch Hospital under the S. C. R. was given last night in the form of a concert, dancing and whist party, followed by a dainty repast. The rooms were attractively decorated and Miss Thain's orchestra was in attendance.

Receives Award.—A pleasant surprise packet reached St. George's School, Rockland Avenue, last week which proved to be a prize awarded to Miss Myrtle Gale, Bardsey, Saanich, for her examination paper in Division IV, for which she had already received an Honor's Certificate from the Royal Drawing Society, London, England.

Would Not Advise.—T. Cornish appeared before the Esquimalt Council last night and asked whether the provisions of the Jitney by-law would prevent the establishment of a livery automobile garage in Esquimalt. Reeve Lockley was unwilling to give an offhand opinion, as of late there had been no litigation as to the enforcement of the provisions.

Thank Dominion Members.—The Esquimalt Council last night passed an unanimous vote of thanks to Hon. S. P. Tormie, Federal Minister of Agriculture and J. C. McIntosh, M. P., for their persistent work in successfully securing the construction of the new drydock. Reeve Lockley was authorized to have the illustrated addresses of thanks prepared for later presentation.

Library Estimate Ample.—The Esquimalt Council last night informed by Councillor Pomeroy that the provision made last spring for a contribution towards the maintenance of the Victoria Public Library will prove sufficient. He stated that approximately 400 residents of Esquimalt had taken out tickets, but the exact cost per card will not be known until the library circulation figures are complete for the year.

New Year's Wishes.—"Gentlemen, this will be the last meeting of the Esquimalt Council for the current year, and I am sure I wish you all much prosperity and success," said Reeve Lockley last night, before formally putting a motion to adjourn. In the course of the ensuing felicitations it developed that every member of the present Council was in the field for re-election.

S. C. R. Expresses Thanks.—C. C. Tunstall, island representative of the S. C. R. writing on behalf of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, conveys warmest thanks to the Red Cross Society, "J" Unit Chapter, I.O.D.E., Women's Canadian Club, Women's Auxiliary, G.W.V.A., Y.M.C.A., K. of C., Veterans of France, Army and Navy Veterans, and all other patriotic organizations, and the many kind friends for their "generous" gifts given to the patients and their families in Esquimalt and Craigdarroch Hospitals this Christmas. The gifts were greatly appreciated.

Canadian Order of Foresters.—At a meeting of Court Columbia No. 834, C.O.F., at the Princess Theatre (old Orange Hall), on Monday, December 27, the following officers were elected for the year 1921: C.R., W. Hoey; V.C.R., G. T. Francis; Rec. Sec., W. Hoey; Fin. Sec., R. Cox; Treas., G. Hauck; Chap., A. Galbraith; S.W., R. Bury; J.W., R. Bury; S.E., J. G. Hoey; J.E., E. C. Jones; Physician, Dr. Ernest Hall. It was decided to have a social evening on Monday, January 24, when the installation of officers will take place, the festive committee being appointed to look after the arrangements: W. W. Savage, G. Hoey, W. Bergstrom and C. Harris. It is hoped that all members of the order will make an effort to be present.

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To Appoint School Nurse.—A new school nurse to succeed Miss Muriel Grimmer, who recently resigned to return to the East, will be appointed by the City School Board at a special meeting to-night.

Lutheran Social.—In the social rooms of Grace English Lutheran Church, Blanshard and Queen's, the Bible school of the church will hold a social meeting this evening from 7.30 to 10. There will be a short programme beginning at 8 o'clock, which will be followed by games and refreshments, provided by the "Reds" in the recent membership contest.

H. B. Thomson Here.—Henry B. Thomson, formerly active in Conservative politics here and Food Controller of Canada during the war, returned to Victoria yesterday from Newfoundland, where he has been for the last year directing one of the big pulp companies there. Mr. Thomson will be in Victoria for about one month before he returns to Newfoundland.

Veterans as Santa.—The G. W. V. A. expect to entertain about 600 children at the Christmas entertainment which they are giving to-day in the new Drill Hall. The affair began at four o'clock this afternoon, and Christmas dinner will be served between the hours of 5 and 7, during which the G. W. V. A. band will dispense sweet music. There will be a gift for every child, whose parents will be admitted at 7.30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Shelbourne Street Sunday School. Considerable trouble has been taken in training for this production, and it is expected that there will be a large turnout.

Held Christmas Treat.—The annual Christmas treat and social, of the George Presbyterian Church Sunday School was held with great success on Tuesday evening, when a large gathering enjoyed to the full a varied programme of excellent entertainment given by the young people of the church. At the close of the proceedings a special offering was taken for the starving millions in China, over \$21 being collected for this purpose. The Rev. Daniel Walker handed this amount to Wallace Gofforth, secretary of the Victoria Committee for Chinese Relief.

Opium Addicts in Court.—A dockful of Chinamen faced Magistrate Jay when he took his seat in the city police court this morning. All were gathered in as a result of two joint raids engineered by Acting Deputy Chief Fry, with Acting Sgt. Harper, Constable Bishop and a ten-pound sledge hammer as his allies. Lee Yuen was sent to jail for two months as the keeper of a joint, at 1524 Government Street. Lee Ying and Wifex were assessed \$20 and \$250.

SAYS MANAGER

FOR SAANICH IS IDEAL PLAN

Harold M. Diggon Willing to Run For Council; Advocates Important Changes

"Although Saanich boasts of one of the most admirable financial positions among all the municipalities in the Dominion, I am satisfied that there is a means to be found for improving this position, and I would consider that I was not doing my duty to the people of Saanich if I did not bring such an important matter to the attention of the ratepayers," said Trustee Harold M. Diggon this morning, when confirming a report that he was considering re-entry to municipal council politics in Saanich. "The scheme which I have in mind is the installation of the 'Municipal Manager' system in Saanich, together with a number of elective changes which naturally go with such a system," said Mr. Diggon.

He explained that in addition to being in the field for re-election to the School Board, if two steps, a nomination to the Council by one of the wards where there are vacancies in view, he would accept such an opportunity to run again for the Council.

Not in Ward Seven.

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Means to End.

Mr. Diggon frankly states that should he be elected to the Council it will be the first of two steps to his desired end. After a year of renewed association with Council problems, Mr. Diggon would feel qualified to run for the office of Reeve in 1922, and would make that contest on the basis of a change to a more up-to-date municipal system.

In other parts of Canada the Municipal Manager system has been proven to be economical, both in municipal money and the time of the Councillors, and either of these results would be sufficient grounds for giving the system careful consideration," said Mr. Diggon.

End Long Sessions.

"The installation of a Municipal Manager in Saanich would mean there would be but two Council Committees, Finance and Legislation. The cumbersome and time consuming Works Committee would be automatically abolished, and the Council sessions, shortened thereby, he said.

In its place would be the Municipal Manager, with full power to order work done, to hire and fire, and to carry on business in the same way as a private corporation is managed.

No Petty Details.

"The Council would be a de facto Board of Directors, establishing policy and securing funds with which to carry on operations, but the individual members of the Council would be relieved of the everlasting calls to inspect road conditions, there would be no lobbying for sectional interests and roadwork, and the irritation between inner and outer wards would disappear when the affairs of Saanich, as a whole, were being run on a basis where an independent and capable manager carried out a prepared policy."

Elected Reeve Goes Too.

Mr. Diggon also considers that it would be well for the municipality to then abandon the ward system and elect the Council by a general vote on the proportional representation plan. In this connection he would like to see the abandonment of the annual elections for a Reeve, and have the office filled, on the vote of the elected Councillors, by one of themselves.

Whiskey in Bedroom.—Geo. Miles this morning was fined \$50 for having two bottles of whiskey in his bedroom in a rooming house on Humboldt Street.

On Yates Street Mill.—While protesting that he was not a reckless driver at any time, A. Brown this morning admitted to Magistrate Jay that he had been travelling at 27 miles an hour down Yates Street hill, and paid a fine of \$10. There were two other cars on the street at the time, according to Constable Drever.

Arnold Street Car.—The specials which are operating in the rush hours on Fowl Bay line, which carry sign "Arnold Street," commencing with this morning only run as far as Joseph Street, where there is a switch at the end of a stretch of double track. The special turns back at Joseph Street and runs back to town. If the Joseph Street change becomes effective the signs of the specials will be changed to that name, it is stated.

Bombs and Nuisances Barred.—Acting Chief of Police Palmer this morning stated that the Police Department was preparing to deal heavily with anyone who changes New Year's Eve who offend in the downtown sections of the city against the provisions of the city by-law prohibiting fireworks. The use of bombs and such types of heavy fireworks will bring arrest and prosecution, and the practice of throwing talcum powder will also attract the attention of the police. "We are not going to spoil the fun usual to New Year's night, but ticklers, talcum and astounding explosions will not be allowed, and we will take measures to see that any offender will be well punished for annoying others for their own amusement," he said.

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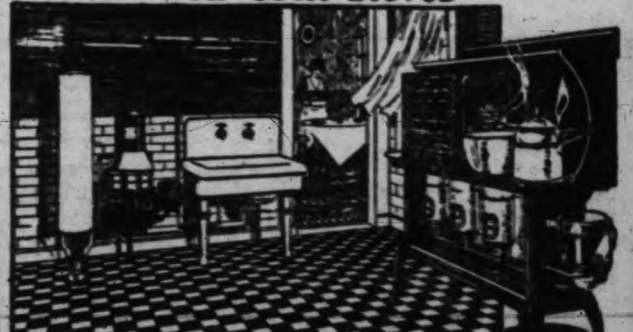
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gorgeous and tasteful. The musical
programme is fascinating and right
up to the minute, including such
numbers as "Mississippi Moon," "I
Want the Boys Around Me," "I
Come on in the Water's Fine, Girls,"
which are now having a big run in
Eastern musical comedy productions.
McLain Gates and Genevieve Lee
appear in "Stateroom Nineteen," a
travesty which will be particularly
appreciated by those who have made
an ocean voyage. The trials and
troubles of a newly-married couple
making their first sea journey are
depicted with all the accompanying
laughter-creating details.

George and Ray Perry are a couple
of banjoists who possess the faculty
of getting more noise out of their
instruments than most vaudeville
artists. They are at home playing
any kind of music with a tendency
toward syncopation, and their pro-
gramme features jazz from Dixie.

Wild West warblers and rope
twisters is the designation given by
the Wyoming Trio to themselves, and
in both accomplishments they are
remarkable clever. The atmosphere
of the Western picture satisfies the
act, the settings and costumes pos-
sessing much of the "real-thing"
element.

Wagon and Brant are seen in their
new success "Two in One," which
is a vehicle for the presentations of
some very witty comedy and rapid-
fire conversation. The act has a
sensational surprise finish.

"Pirate Gold" is the sixth attrac-
tion of the bill. This is one of Pathe's
most successful serial releases, star-
ring George B. Seitz. Mr. Seitz first
became interested in photoplays as
a scenario writer. In 1912 he was
engaged by Pathe to write plays and
his typewriter turned out many of
the greatest serial successes. But his
interest in pictures took him further,
and in seeking to perfect himself in
photoplay construction he spent much
time at the studio, with the result
that he soon developed some inge-
nious ideas on serial production. He
then entered the studio as a director
and added to his duties as scenario
writer those of directing Pearl White
in her serials.

Both "The Lightning Raider" and
"The Black Secret" were directed
by him. Upon the completion of the
latter he formed his own producing
organization and embarked upon a
career as a motion picture star as
well.

COLUMBIA

Prominent among the names that
will go down to posterity as the
pioneers of the screen is that of
Maurice Tourneur, the man under
whose personal direction the super
production, "The Great Redeemer"
was made. Mr. Tourneur has been
associated with the making of motion
pictures for over fifteen years, and
during that time has been responsible
for some of the best productions that
have ever been made. "The Great
Redeemer," which will be shown at
the Columbia Theatre again to-day, is
Mr. Tourneur's latest, and it repre-
sents the wizard of the silver sheet
at his particular best. Mr. Tourneur
"loved" much more than "forethought"
the creation of his production, re-
realizing that it marked one of the
milestones of his art, and as such
could not be other than the best he
had to offer. The story is that of a
train robber who painted a master-
piece on the wall of his cell, and into
the picture Mr. Tourneur has put the
most consummate artistry. The addi-
tional attraction is the great serial "The
Invisible Hand," starring Antonio
Moreno.

VARIETY

The photoplay attraction at the
Variety Theatre again to-day will be
"The Right to Love," produced by
George Fitzmaurice and featuring
Mae Murray and David Powell. Ouida
Bergere adapted the story from a
popular French play. It is a Para-
mount picture. Miss Murray has the
role of an American girl, who leads a
wretched life with her husband, Sir
Archibald Falkland, English director
of the Ottoman Debt at Constantin-
ople. In an effort to compromise his
wife so he may marry another
woman, Sir Archibald installs a
Prince Stanislaus in his home. A
Colonel Richard Loring played by
David Powell, arrives in time to re-
scue her from the Prince, though in
the resulting mix-up, Loring shoots
Falkland dead. He is acquitted in
the trial that follows, and he and
Lady Falkland seek happiness to-
gether. "The Right to Love" is de-
clared to abound in beautiful scenes,
most of them made in Florida. Be-
sides Mae Murray and Mr. Powell,
Alma Tell, Holmes E. Herbert, Macey
Harlam and Frank Losee are also in
the cast.

ROYAL VICTORIA

The cause of the cinema, as an
art is promoted by such stirring
exponents of dramatics as Lionel
Barrymore and there is ample
reason for much rejoicing, every
time such an artist essays a new
screen role, because it means not
only genuinely high-class diversion
for the tens of thousands of photo-
play fans, but it contributes to the
elevation of the whole motion pic-
ture industry, as a veritable boon to
humanity. Mr. Barrymore has re-
cently become an Associated First
National star and his first picture
under this banner is "The Master
Mind," which will be the attraction
at the Royal Victoria Theatre again
to-night. Few actors of modern
times have attained a higher degree
of mastery over the histrionic art than
Lionel Barrymore, whose perfor-
mances on both the stage and screen
have been recorded as standards as-
sured of enduring. His ability as a
master of his profession has been ex-

panded and had been made more po-
tential by his very assiduous study of
especially the technique of silent por-
trayal before the motion picture
camera. He readily gives this study
development in man's amusement
devices, full credit for giving him a
wider latitude in which to develop his
own talents.

In "The Master Mind," Mr. Barry-
more offers a characterization such
as only a few actors of to-day could
possibly succeed in, and it is said he
has created a role, which bids fair
to mark him as just about the fore-
most male star of the silver-sheet.

DOMINION

Dorothy Dalton has become known
as the girl who can do anything and
in "A Romantic Adventure," the
Paramount picture which is now at
Domination Theatre, she adds a dif-
ficult and beautiful fancy dance to her
category of achievements. Those
who recall her in the Parisian dance
in "L'Apeche" will remember the re-
markable performance she gave and
the dance in "A Romantic Adven-
ture" repeats that success.

Miss Dalton has the role of Alice
Vanni daughter of an old dancing
professor of New Orleans who, when
her father dies, goes to New York
and is exploited by her mother and
only finds out the true situation in
time to marry the man she loves. The
production was adapted by Rosina
Henley from "A Winter City Favo-
rite," by Charles Belmont Davis.

Charles Meredith heads a supporting
cast which is enhanced by Rosina
Henley from "A Winter City Favo-
rite," by Charles Belmont Davis.

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save up for a rainy day."
The younger—"I will as soon as
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"The Gypsy Trail" Will Be
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To-night at the Princess Theatre
the Mildred Page Players will pre-
sent "The Gypsy Trail," a beautiful
romantic comedy in three acts. This
is the daintiest and most exquisite
play. There is not a single thing
lacking, it will entrance and thrill
the adventurous hearts of young boys
and girls and stir the pulse of those
who attend this evening's souvenir
photo of Mr. Tommy Padden.

One week from this coming Satur-
day, on January 8, at the matinee
the prize will be given to the child
who makes the most words out of
the name "Mildred Page." Make out
your list of words early and send
them to Miss Page, Princess Theatre.

Remember "The Gypsy Trail" to-
night and the balance of the week
with the usual Saturday matinee. And
the curtain will rise sharply at 8
o'clock at the evening performance.

COMPANY STRANDED

English Opera Company That Visited
Victoria Could Not Pay Salaries.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The Royal
English Opera company which played
in Hamilton late in October in a
repertoire of Gilbert & Sullivan and

other comic operas, has met mis-
fortune in Boston.
Financial success had not crowned
the company's season and there came
a day when salaries could not be
paid. The principals and members
of the chorus had to fare forth—
all of them courageous despite the
advent of the holiday season—to seek
new jobs.

FRED WRIGHT TO WELCOME COMRADES

Is Taking Leading Part in
"Maid of the Mountain"

There is hardly a comedian more
widely known or more popular on the
English comedy stage to-day than
Fred Wright, who will be seen at
the Royal Victoria Theatre here on
Friday, December 31, for five nights
with a matinee on Saturday and
Wednesday, in the role of Tonio in
"The Maid of the Mountain"—the
part he created in the original cast in
London.

Mr. Wright is almost as well known
in European capitals as he is in Eng-
land, particularly in Paris, where he
has appeared in many productions
under French management in asso-
ciation with a number of the leading
artists of the French stage. The late
Gaby Deslys was his partner in the
French operetta, "Son Altesse
L'Amour," by de Cottens, and in "Le
Revue de Moulin," at the famous
Moulin Rouge. He was the leading
comedian in the French version of
"The Prince of Pilsen," which ran
for over six months at L'Olympia, in
Paris, also. He shared premier hon-
ors with that brilliant comedienne,
Mistinguette, in two plays in the
French metropolis, and has also been
associated with such prominent ar-
tists as Simons Girard, Felix Hugue-
net, Girier, both the Signorette
(father and son), Jane Renouardt,
Spinelly, Alice Delysia, and in his
first cinema film with that great
genius, Sacha Guitry, who has prom-
ised to write a play in which he
and Mr. Wright will appear together
in Paris.

Mr. Wright has also played in Ger-
many, Austria, Hungary and Rou-
mania, and while in Germany he re-
fused the international football
game between Austria and Germany
for the Crown Prince—but, as Mr.
Wright assures us with a characteris-
tic grimace, this was long ere the war.
Special invitation is issued by Mr.
Wright to all Canadians which he
met in France during the war (and
they were many) as well as those he
met in London, to renew their ac-
quaintance while he is in this city.

The Ordinary Person—"Well, Mr.
Optimist, what's your latest maxim?"
Optimist—"If you can't laugh, smile
until you can."

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anything else. Guaranteed to give ab-
solute satisfaction or money promp-
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SHE LOST HER RING

Charlotte Greenwood Is No Longer
Mrs. Cyril Ring.

When Miss Charlotte Greenwood,
who appeared in Victoria during the
Fall, failed to appear in "Linger
Longer Letty" at Grand Rapids,
Mich., there was much heated argu-
ment between house and company
managements, the former insisting
upon a satisfactory explanation and
the latter having none to offer, as
a result of which the engagement
was cancelled.

The reason has now come out.
Miss Greenwood had private business
in New York and could not be in two
places simultaneously. As a result
of the successful consummation of
that business she is now Miss Green-
wood both in professional and pri-
vate life. Before the decree was
signed, her really-and-truly name
was Mrs. Cyril Ring. The popular
movie actress, Blanche Ring, was a
sister-in-law.

Prosecutor—"I want you to prove that
man guilty of the crime."
Lawyer—"That's easy, why, I proved
you guilty of it last year!"

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75c Bay Rum 38c

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35c Almond Cream 18c

100c Hair Tonic 50c

100c Eau de Quinine 50c

35c Duchess Talcum 18c

35c Peroxide Tooth Paste 18c

35c Dentone Tooth Powder 18c

25c Dentone Tooth Paste 13c

50c Reid's After Shave 25c

25c Mennen's Violet Talcum 13c

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Al. each 13c

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50c Vaseline Shampoo 25c

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S. F. TOLMIE TO SAIL FOR AFRICA ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

First Cargo to Be Loaded Within One Month, While Return Space Assured

The launching of the wooden barkentine S. F. Tolmie yesterday, the first of the programme of four building at the Cholberg yard to the order of the Victoria Shipowners, Ltd., under Government assistance, is being classed as one of the most successful launchings that has been witnessed in this port.

Shortly before three o'clock, the hour set for the launching, the gang commenced wedging up, ceasing at 3 p.m. for the christening, which was ably performed by Mrs. S. F. Tolmie, while the Hon. S. F. Tolmie stood by to see his namesake take the water. The driving of wedges was succeeded by the removal of all props, and the ship commenced her plunge at 3.17 p.m., amid a burst of cheering from over 1,000 people, and to the usual accompaniment of sirens and whistles from shipping in port.

Capt. Stewart To Command.

Captain J. C. Stewart, who will command the S. F. Tolmie when she is commissioned in about a month's time, took the plunge with the vessel, in charge of deck operations of numerous gangs who were tending to the check ropes as the vessel slid stern first into the water. The S. F. Tolmie took the water easily and gracefully, the way being checked in short order by the use of check ropes and stern ram, while in the stream tugs waited to take the vessel into position alongside the yard. About 100 people witnessed the launching from the platform, including the guests invited by the christening party. Mayor Porter, Brigadier-General R. P. Clark, Chris Cholberg, Captain and Mrs. Carl Sunde, Miss Sunde, H. W. Evers, of Seattle; Mr. Hammer, Captain Ross, while members of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Board of Trade and other organizations were present in numbers.

The Guests.

The invited list of guests attended almost without exception and included: Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Ross, Dr. and Mrs. H. Milhard, Mr. and Mrs. Umbach, Judge and Mrs. Lampman, Mr. J. A. Frazer, Mrs. Jenkins and executive of Women's Canadian Club, Mrs. McMiching and executive of Lady Douglas Chapter, I.O.D.E., Mrs. Harold Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cochrane, Mrs. Duncan Ross, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Miss Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Green, Mrs. and the Misses Lugin, Mrs. Nathaniel Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy, Mr. and Mrs. Grainger, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McGraw, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blackwood, Mrs. Norman Payne, Mrs. C. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Green, Dr. and Mrs. Plackett, Dr. and Mrs. Fraser, Dr. and Mrs. Lennox, Dr. and Mrs. McCallum, Mr. H. M. Grahame, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, Mr. and

Mrs. Duncan Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. L. Robb Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Misses Tolmie, Hon. Justice and Mrs. Gallher, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nelson, Mrs. Harrop, Major and Mrs. Sisman, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner.

Almost Completed.

The S. F. Tolmie was launched 96 per cent. completed and will be commissioned within one month, it was thought, while her maiden voyage will be one to Cape Town with lumber. There will be no difficulty in securing return cargoes from South Africa, it is stated, as there is a distinct demand for bottoms now.

In spite of the closing of the lumber mills, much cut lumber still awaits shipment, and in this there will be a distinct trade for the local craft.

The employees of the yard, and some 800 shareholders were numbered among the crowd yesterday, to see their first craft take the water, and begin her career at sea. The successful launching pleased everyone, as being a distinctly good omen of the future of the local wooden ships.

The yard employees held a grand smoker last night in St. John's Hall to wind up the merriment of the day, all work ceasing after the launching.

MINISTER WARM IN PRAISE OF WORK OF CHOLBERG EMPLOYEES

Hon. Dr. S. F. Tolmie Addresses Smoker on Unemployment Situation

The members of the Cholberg Shipyard Protective Association, with their friends to a total of several hundreds gathered in St. John's Hall last night for a grand smoker to celebrate the successful launching of the S. F. Tolmie, the first ship to be put in the water under the present programme.

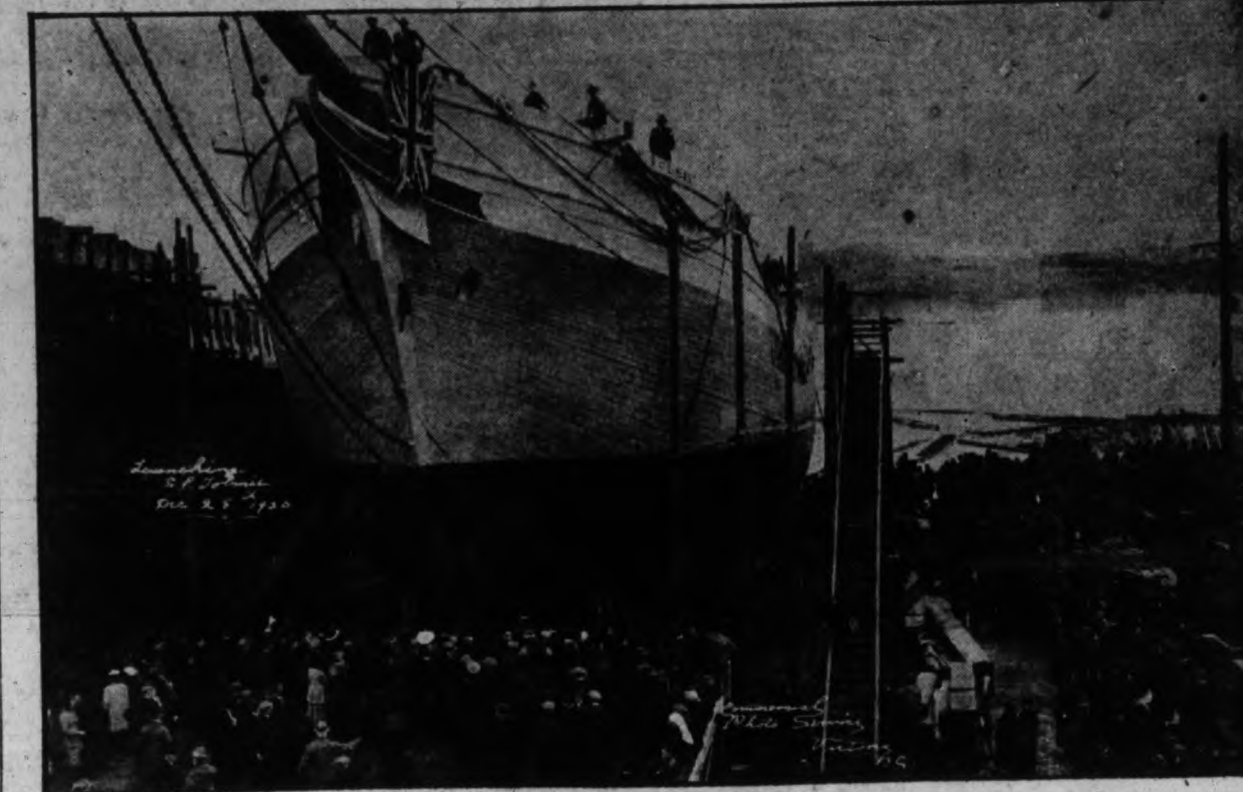
Major F. J. Riddell acted as chairman, while many representatives of the officials of the Cholberg yard were on hand to join in the merriment. A large list of guests had been invited and numbers turned up to enjoy the excellent programme of music, and to commemorate the festive occasion.

Minister is Heard.

The Hon. S. F. Tolmie addressed the gathering, dealing at length with the unemployment situation and measures taken to counteract the inevitable closure of operations of many concerns for the winter months. He had been continually in touch with the Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and the question of American influx of workers here in search of positions, while the converse was prohibited. This situation was now relieved, he stated, as all immigration of that character had been stopped.

Dr. Tolmie stated that he was in touch with the firm that secured the contract for the new drydock, and that they were a firm that had done much construction for the Government, and would be readily induced to employ local men as far as was humanly possible. Along these and

Shipowners' Craft Launched Yesterday From Cholberg's Yard



SARQUENTINE S. F. TOLMIE

other lines the Federal Government was spending no less than \$12,000,000 for projects here and in Vancouver.

Viewed from its many-sided aspects—the unemployment situation was being definitely faced and should yield to consistent care, providing work for all that could be possibly taken care of under any line of work.

Pleased With Yard.

Dr. Tolmie turned then to the launching of the ship, and congratulated the Cholberg employees on the excellent standard they had maintained in its completion. He stated that Sir Henry Drayton and the tariff commission had been greatly impressed with the sound construction of the wooden craft.

The securing of the government grant to aid the work here, taking the major share of the initial expense, had been hard work, but had been finally achieved, in spite of its being a precedent and in the face of strong opposition to wooden craft in the East. In conclusion Dr. Tolmie referred to the rejuvenated Board of Trade, and hoped that it would serve to advance the interests of the city in the manner it inaugurated on its inception. The ocean docks had been built by the Government here at great expense. It was a

PREDICT STORMS

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Storm warnings were displayed throughout Washington and Oregon today with a storm moving from the North Pacific, it was announced by the weather bureau here.

Strong southerly gales will sweep the two northern coast states, it is predicted.

great facility to have and it was distinctly "up to" the citizens to get in and make the town go ahead. Dr. Tolmie was accorded very hearty cheers on the conclusion of his address.

OLYMPIC TO LAY UP FOR ADDITIONS

Makes Last Voyage of Winter With Notables

New York, Dec. 29.—The steamship Olympic sailed today on her final voyage of the winter season. Upon her arrival at Southampton she will be laid up until March for the installation of additional fuel oil tanks. Among the passengers were Sir Ernest Hodder Williams, the British publisher, and W. L. George, the English novelist.

TURFMAN BUYS VICTORIOUS YACHT

Oriole and Tamerlane Pass to Commander J. H. L. Ross

New York, Dec. 29.—Purchase of the speed motor yacht Oriole and the sailing yacht Tamerlane, winner of the sailing race to Bermuda, southeast fresh 29.43, 40; moderate: 9.55 p.m. spoke Prince John, abeam Cape Lazo, southbound.

Estevan—Rain; southeast, fresh: 29.30; 33; moderate: 12.30 a.m. spoke Bessie Dollar, 8 p.m. 1.416 miles from Vancouver, out; 3.30 a.m. spoke Empress of Russia, 8 p.m. 47.30 N. 171.32 E., inbound; 3.30 a.m. spoke Africa Maru, 8 p.m. 49.40 N. 133.25 W. inbound.

Triangle Island—Misty; southeast, light: 29.34; 42; moderate: 6 p.m. spoke Princess Ena, off Ivory Island, southbound; 6.30 p.m. spoke str. Anyox, off Harold Point, for Port Alice; midnight, spoke Prince George, Milbank Sound, no direction; 1.40 a.m. spoke Princess Mary, abeam Ivory Island, 1 a.m. northbound; 2 a.m. spoke str. Wilhelmina, 1.184 miles southwest Frisco, westbound.

Dead Tree—Overcast; calm; 29.38; 27; smooth.

Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.26; 38; smooth.

Alert Bay—Overcast; southeast; 29.40; 40; smooth.

Ocean Falls—Cloudy; calm; 29.30; 38; smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; S. E.; fresh: 29.41; 41; heavy swell.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E.; light: 29.43; 42; moderate.

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CANADIAN WIRELESS GOVERNMENT REPORT

8 a.m. Report.

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TALTRYBIUS DOCKS AFTER GOOD RUN

Passengers Had Hilarious Christmas

The Blue Funnel liner Taltrybius docked here this morning after a good run from the Orient. Captain Mansfield reported an excellent voyage, with a slight blow when two days out of here. The ship crossed the 180 meridian on December 22, much to the chagrin of a merry band of four passengers on board, who wanted to make two Christmas days out of the incident. The captain, however, stood firm, and though not having their two Christmas days the merry party had more than two days of Christmas.

Messrs. F. M. Good, J. R. Perry, W. A. Webb and Lieut. R. D. Taylor made up the list of white passengers on board, while the Taltrybius carried some 32 steerage passengers, Chinese for the most part bound for other points.

Christmas Day was a great event with the mariners and their guests, and the goodwill of the company may be judged when every meal on board was satisfied, both as to solid nourishment and other refreshments, now prohibited in Canada. A feature of the journey was the two Siamese lady cats on board, both of which became great pets with the passengers. Indeed, so enamored had the party become to the cats that they hated to leave the ship, and their parting gift to Capt. Mansfield was a huge carton tomato, coal black, and wearing a sinister smile of placid enjoyment, which they secured from a local tobaccoist for the purpose.

The merriment and goodwill of the passengers at Christmas functions held in the olden style was fully in evidence on board today, and the passengers on the big Blue Funnel liner gladdened the ship, and their parting gift to Capt. Mansfield was a huge carton tomato, coal black, and wearing a sinister smile of placid enjoyment, which they secured from a local tobaccoist for the purpose.

A freshening wind struck the ship while yet two days out, and the passengers say that they did not appreciate the weather during those days in the least; indeed, that it was far too brisk to follow so closely on the Christmas festivities.

The Taltrybius sails for Seattle later today, well up on her schedule. A fair cargo of freight was carried this trip, consisting of the usual merchandise from Oriental points.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Saxonia at London, from New York.

Zealand at Southampton, from New York.

Ships at a Glance

TO ARRIVE.

Africa Maru, from Hongkong, Dec. 30.

Empress of Russia, from Hongkong, Jan. 1.

Toyohashi Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 2.

Collegian, from Liverpool, Jan. 31.

Taltrybius, Dec. 30.

TO DEPART.

Tahiti, Dec. 29.

Hawaii Maru, from Hongkong, Dec. 28.

Suwa Maru, from Hongkong, Jan. 4.

COASTWISE SAILINGS.

For Vancouver.

Princess Victoria leaves 1.15 p.m. daily.

Princess Adelaide or Princess Alice leaves 11.45 p.m. daily except Saturday.

From Vancouver.

Princess Adelaide or Princess Alice arrives 3 p.m. daily.

Princess Charlotte arrives 3 p.m. daily.

For Seattle.

Princess George, 11 a.m., Sundays.

Soi Duc leaves 10.20 a.m. daily.

Princess Charlotte leaves 4.30 p.m. daily.

From Seattle.

Soi Duc arrives 9 a.m. daily.

Princess Victoria arrives 1.15 p.m. daily.

For Prince Rupert.

Princess George, Sundays, 11 a.m.

From Prince Rupert.

Princess George, Sundays, 11 a.m.

For San Francisco.

Princess Maquinn leaves for Port Alice, 1st, 10th and 20th of each month.

For San Francisco.

President and Governor sail Saturdays at 5 p.m.

From San Francisco.

President and Governor, alternating Thursdays at 4 p.m.

HUDSON'S BAY CO.

PLAN RIVER CRAFT

Two Addition to River Fleet Under Way

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—Captain T. P. O'Kelly, assistant chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, is here making preparations for the building of two stern wheel steamers which the company proposes to operate on the Mackenzie and Peace rivers. It is intended to send them knocked down to the north and rebuild them there.

To increase its transportation facilities on the northern rivers, the company is also having the steamship Fort Simpson, operated for some years on the Skeena River dismantled. It will be shipped to the Mackenzie River to assist in the rush which is expected there next Spring.

MARINE NOTES

The C.N.R. ferry Canora will now operate on a regular schedule from Port Mann to Patricia Bay, making the round trip twice a week. She will arrive at Patricia Bay on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Lumber shipments from cut stocks, in spite of the closing of the mills, is taking the turn space in large shipments, it is stated.

The Harbor Marine held a Christmas tree celebration for the children of the employees of the yard, at the K. of P. Hall last night, when Father Christmas, who by the way bore a striking resemblance to Major Bug-Jo, distributed gifts. For each of the 350 merry little people present, the remainder of the evening was given over to games and refreshments. Mr. Hanes officiating as master of ceremonies.

The Victoria Machinery Depot are still busy; operations on the Canadian Traveller and Princess Patricia proceeding apace. The Princess Patricia, which struck a drift log out of Vancouver recently, and sustained damages to her shaft on the port side, will be put down to-night or early tomorrow, depending on the final touches, which now alone are necessary. The Princess Patricia is to be taken out later for some incidental overhaul.

SCHOONER TOTAL LOSS

Parraboro, N. S., Dec. 29.—The schooner Friendship, which has been sailing in the Bay of Fundy trade for years, is a total loss at St. Martin's Head, N.B., where she was beached to prevent her from sinking. Her cargo of coal was saved.

TIDE TABLE

December.

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Canadian Pacific Railway

S. C. COAST SERVICE.

VANCOUVER—At 2.15 p.m. daily; 11.45 p.m. daily except Saturday.

SEATTLE—At 4.30 p.m. daily.

ALASKA ROUTE—From Vancouver Jan. 5, 23, at 9 p.m.

OCEAN FALLS-PRINCE RUPERT ROUTE—Calling at Powell River, Beaver Cove, Alert Bay, Hardy Bay, Swanson Bay, from Vancouver every Wednesday at 11.00 p.m.

POWELL RIVER-UNION BAY-COMOX—From Vancouver every Thursday and Saturday at 11.45 p.m.

WEST COAST VANCOUVER ISLAND ROUTE—From Victoria, 1st, 10th, 20th each month at 11 p.m.

GULF ISLANDS ROUTE—Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays.

Connection made by B. C. E. train from Victoria at 8.00 a.m. Full information from Any C. P. R. Agent.

POSTPONE LAUNCHING OF BIG MOTORSHIP

Todd Plant Nearly Completed Steel Ship in New Line

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Expressing disappointment at the necessity of postponing the launching of the big steel motorship Kennicott, under construction at the Todd shipyard at Tacoma for the Alaska Steamship Company, C. W. Wiley, president of the Todd corporations of Seattle and Tacoma, yesterday announced that the event would not take place until next week, the date to be arranged later.

The big motorship, first of this type of ship of steel construction to be built on Puget Sound, was to have been launched to-morrow morning, but failure of certain essential materials to arrive made it necessary yesterday to defer the event.

From a progress point the big steel hull is so far advanced that the Todd construction crews had anticipated being able to claim a peace time record in putting this vessel in the water, hence the disappointment felt in postponing the affair. The Kennicott, as the big ship is to be christened, will be a craft of 8,000 dead-weight tons, and therefore the largest vessel listed for service to Alaskan points.

She will also be the largest vessel of the motorship type in the Northwest, and the finest example of this design built north of San Francisco, and will also be one of the finest of her type afloat.

S.S. BALI BREAKS TAIL SHAFT AT SEA

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Wireless reports to the Marine Department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce yesterday that the Matson Navigation Company's steamer Wilhelmina has to go to the aid of the Java Pacific steamer Bali, which reported a broken tail shaft. The Bali left here December 20 for Batavia, and the Wilhelmina December 22, for Honolulu.

SWIFTSURE BANK LIGHT TO HAVE WIRELESS STATION

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Ready to summon aid to vessels in distress off the Coast and to flash weather reports to land stations and ships at sea, a United States naval radio station has been established aboard the government lightship anchored at the beginning of each hour from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. inclusive. Personal or commercial messages will not be handled by the station. It will be able to handle traffic on wave lengths of 300, 378, 476, 600, 756 and 952 meters.

Local weather forecasts will be broadcast on 600, 756 and 952 meters at 8 a.m., 12 o'clock noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

Notices of the establishment of the station were sent broadcast to-day by R. A. Abernathy, commander, U. S. N., officer in charge of the branch hydrographic office in Seattle.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of December, 1920:

Day Sunrise Hour Min. Sunset Hour Min.

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Her companion lit another cigarette. "There is nothing like straight forward candour," he grinned. "Except that I dislike his face and manner, I must admit that I saw nothing about him to necessitate my going to so much trouble. What is his particular worry?"

"First and foremost the brute wants to marry me," replied the girl. "I loathe being obvious," said Hugh, "but I am not surprised."

"But it isn't that that matters," she went on. "I wouldn't marry him even to save my life," she looked at Drummond quietly. "Henry Lakington is the second most dangerous man in England."

"Only the second," murmured Hugh. "Then hadn't I better start my new career with the first?"

She looked at him in silence. "I suppose you think I'm hysterical," she remarked after a while. "You're probably even wondering whether I'm all there."

Drummond flicked the ash from his cigarette, then he turned to her dispassionately. "You must admit," he remarked, "that up to now our conversation has hardly proceeded along conventional lines. I am a complete stranger to you; another man who is a complete stranger to me speaks to you while we're at tea. You inform me that I shall probably have to kill him in the near future. The statement is, I think you will agree, a trifle disconcerting."

The girl threw back her head and laughed merrily. "You poor young man," she cried; "but that way it does sound alarming." Then she grew serious again. "There's plenty of time for you to back out now if you like. Just call the waiter, and ask for my bill. We'll say good-bye, and the incident will finish."

She was looking at him gravely as she spoke, and it seemed to her companion that there was an appeal in the big blue eyes. And they were very big, and the face they were set in was very charming—especially at the angle it was tilted at, in the half-light of the room. Altogether, Drummond reflected, a most adorable girl. And adorable girls had always been a hobby of his. Probably Lakington possessed a letter of hers or something, and she wanted him to get it back. Of course he would, even if he had to thrash the swine to within an inch of his life.

"Well!" The girl's voice cut into his train of thought and he hurriedly pulled himself together. "The last thing I want is for the incident to finish," he said fervently. "Why—it's only just begun."

"Then you'll help me?" With a smile Drummond lit another cigarette. "Tell me all about it."

"The trouble," she began after a moment, "is that there is not very much to tell. At present it is largely guess-work, and guess-work without much of a clue. However, to start with, I had better tell you what sort of men you are up against. Firstly, Henry Lakington—the man who spoke to me. He was, I believe, one of the most brilliant scientists who has ever been up at Oxford. There was nothing in his own line, which would not have been open to him, had he run straight. But he didn't. He deliberately chose to turn his brain to crime. Not vulgar, common sorts of crime—but the big things, calling for a master criminal. He has always had enough money to allow him to take his time, and to perfect his details. And that's what he loves. He regards a crime as an ordinary man regards a complicated business; he is only concerned in getting himself against the world and winning."

"An engaging fellow," said Hugh. "What particular form of crime does he favor?"

"Anything that calls for brain, iron nerve, and refinement of detail," she answered. "Principally, up-to-date, burglary on a big scale, and murder. 'My dear son,' said Hugh incredulously. "How can you be sure? And why don't you tell the police?"

She smiled wearily. "Because I've got no proof, and even if I had... She gave a little shrug, and left her sentence unfinished. "But one day, my father and I were in his house, and, by accident, I got into a room I'd never been in before. It was a strange room, with two large safes let into the wall and steel bars over the skylight in the ceiling."

"There wasn't a window, and the floor seemed to be made of concrete. And the door was covered with curtains, and was heavy to move—almost as if it was steel or iron. On the desk in the middle of the room lay some miniatures, and, without thinking, I picked them up and looked at them. I happen to know something about miniatures, and, to my horror, I recognized them." She paused for a moment as the waiter went by their table.

"Do you remember the theft of the celebrated Vatican miniatures belonging to the Duke of Melbourne?" Drummond nodded. "He was beginning to feel interested."

"They were the ones I was holding in my hand," she said quietly. "I knew them at once from the description in the papers. And just as I was wondering what to do, the man himself walked into the room."

"Awkward—deuced awkward," Drummond pressed up to a cigarette and looked forward expectantly. "What did he do?"

"Absolutely nothing," said the girl. "That's what made it so awful. 'What ails you?' he asked me. 'I'm all right,' I replied. 'Pretty things, aren't they?' I couldn't speak a word: I just put them back on the table."

"Wonderful copies of the Duke of Melbourne's lost miniatures. I think they would deceive most people."

"They deceived me," I managed to get out.

"Did they?" he said. "The man who painted them will be flattered. 'All the time he was staring at me, a cold merciless stare that seemed to freeze my brain. Then he went over to one of the safes and unlocked it. 'Come here, Miss Benton,' he said. 'There are a lot more copies.' 'I only looked inside for a moment, but I have never seen or thought of such a sight. Beautifully arranged on black velvet shelves were ropes of pearls, a gorgeous diamond tiara, and a whole host of loose, uncut stones. And in one corner I caught a glimpse of the most wonderful gold chalice cup—just like the one for which Samuel Levy, the few money-maker, was once offered a reward. Then he shut the door and locked it, and again stared at me in silence."

"All copies," he said quietly, "wonderful copies. And should you ever be tempted to think otherwise—ask your father, Miss Benton. He warned me: don't do anything foolish. Ask your father first."

"And did you?" asked Drummond. She shuddered. "That very evening," she answered. "And Daddy flew into a frightful passion, and told me never dare do anything like that again. But it didn't concern me again. Then gradually, as time went on, I realized that Lakington has some hold over Daddy—that he's got my father in his power. It's that all right, but you wouldn't hurt a fly: the best and dearest man who ever breathed." Her hands were clenched, and her breath rose in little sobs.

Drummond waited for her to compose herself before he spoke again. "You mentioned murder, too," he remarked.

She nodded. "I've got no proof," she said, "less even than over the burglaries. But there was a man called George Dringer, and one evening, when Lakington was with us, I heard him discussing this man with Daddy."

"He's got to go," said Lakington. "He's dangerous!"

"And your father got up and closed the door, but I heard them arguing for half an hour. Three weeks later a coroner's jury found that George Dringer had committed suicide. While, temporarily, I mean. The same evening Daddy, for the first time in his life, went to bed—the worse for drink."

"The girl fell silent, and Drummond stared at the orchestra with troubled eyes. Things seemed to be deeper than he had anticipated."

"Then there was another case," she was speaking again. "Do you remember that man who was found dead in a railway-carriage at Oxhey station. He was an Italian—Giuseppe by name. The jury brought in a verdict of death from natural causes. A month before he had an interview with Lakington which took place at our house: because the Italian, being a stranger, came to the wrong place, and Lakington happened to be with us at the time. The interview finished with a fearful quarrel."

"She turned to Drummond with a slight smile. "Not much evidence, is there? Only I know Lakington murdered him. I know it. You may think I'm fanciful—imagining things; you may think I'm exaggerating. I don't mind if you do—because you won't for long."

Drummond did not answer immediately. Against his inner judgment he was beginning to be profoundly impressed, and, at the moment, he did not quite know what to say. That the girl herself firmly believed in what she said, he was telling him, he was certain; the point was how much of it was—as she herself expressed it—fanciful imagination.

(To be Continued.)

ESQUIMALT WILL CHANGE PAY SYSTEM OF OUTSIDE WORKERS

Engineer Bourne last night asked the permission of the Esquimalt Council to change the system of paying the works department staff from weekly to two-weekly intervals.

Councillor Brille favored the proposal after Reeve Lockley had explained the time saving possible.

Councillor Pomeroy at first thought the matter should be deferred for the attention of the incoming council, but the practice was generally followed with municipal outside workers. The proposed change was then unanimously endorsed.

Edwin I. Godkin, late editor of the New York Evening Post, was asked by a sympathetic friend if visitors didn't take a good deal of his time at his office and interfere with his work.

He replied with the grim humor characteristic of him: "No. For I receive no one before one o'clock; and at one o'clock I go home."

SKEETCH OF POPE IS SUPPOSE TO SECURE ROMEO

German Biographer Deals With Aims of Church Head

Rome, Dec. 29.—A German biographer, Herr Leo Schwering-Koelin, a widely known political writer, has just finished a character sketch of Pope Benedict, one of the most prominent political and diplomatic figures of to-day. The sketch has not only interested both secular and holy Rome; it has surprised the secular part. For Pope Benedict XV. is so near, shut up in his Roman palace, that few Italian politicians give him much thought!

But the secular press admits, regretfully, that a foreigner's pen has shown them what an extraordinary genius lives behind those big bronze gates near St. Peter's, with a guard of honor whose picturesque clothes perhaps blind the passer-by to the very up-to-date quality of the mind of the Pontiff within.

World-Wide Activities. As the Pope's activities are world-wide Herr Schwering-Koelin's work is of world-wide interest.

After showing how Benedict XV. found the Holy See completely isolated on his accession, on the death of Pius X., the biographer says the Pope's self-imposed task of renewing the Holy See's political activities, a task in which he succeeded, in spite of enormous difficulties, not the least of which was the Pontiff's miscalculation as to the result of the late war. In this his policy the Pope was guided by two principles: keep peace, and expand diplomatic influence.

During the war Benedict appealed to all the belligerents in behalf of peace, after he had embraced the League of Nations plan. Just as his appeal for peace fell on deaf ears at the time, but finally found practical aid in President Wilson, says the biographer, so the League of Nations idea seems to be beaten for the time being. But again, like President Wilson, Pope Benedict firmly believes in the League of Nations, and that alone, will save the world from another yet more terrible war. And he means to have that League.

But the Pontiff's activities do not stop here. He fears and hates Communism and Bolshevism; he is using the magnificent social organization of his church to combat these two modern evils in every country; but he cares for the laboring classes, and has their betterment at heart. In many cases, by means of notes and through his organ, the Osservatore Romano, he has taken the part of labor against the greed of capital.

Temporal Recognition. Herr Schwering-Koelin thinks the Pope's efforts to make the League of Nations a success are also partly inspired by the hope that such a society when firmly established will recognize the Pope as a sovereign power. And the meeting between him and President Wilson, when the latter visited Rome, marked, in his eyes, a great success in this direction. The Treaty of London, by which the signatory powers guaranteed the Pope's independence, the sovereignty of the Pope, shipwrecked this plan, says the biographer. But "the very anxiety of the Italian Government for whose sake this veto was inserted shows how strong and important has become Pope Benedict XV's international position." Certainly the Italian Government would never have bothered to insert such a clause as this were Pope Pius X. still on the pontiff's throne.

The biographer devotes much attention to the Pope's relations with France. He thinks Great Britain has obtained less from the Holy See with its envoy extraordinary than was hoped, but did certainly help to bring about the reconciliation between France and the Pope, broken off through Pius X's attitude.

"The Vatican needs France's support," he says, "in order to gain its chief end, which is to liberate itself from the chains of Italy. The society of nations has failed to do this, but France's moral influence, its influence in the Catholic world, is expected to do so. The Vatican's secret aid to France has greatly helped reactionary states; we see an example of this in the French elections. And here again triumphs the School of Rapprochement (Pope Benedict's master in diplomacy). France has had the Vatican's help in Syria and in Palestine, even against Great Britain, and those obstacles which France might have found in China were cleverly brushed aside. This new Franco-Vatican entente will surely react upon Italy, which is weakened more than before because it has no longer the support of the Triple Alliance."

Herr Schwering-Koelin shows deeply the Pope's attitude toward Russia. He says that most writers when he declares that:

"The latest Italian anti-Vatican tendencies have won in paragraph 15 of the Treaty of London, but the Pope's temporal power in 1910 is to a great extent forgotten. The coming together has been progressing for years by means of many courteous actions that show deep desire for reconciliation, a desire which perhaps is greater at the Vatican than at the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. And the change in Italy's home policy has helped too. The part now taken by Catholics in Italian political life, by the authority of the papacy, and the influence of the forming of the Popular Party, which, by its ever-growing influence, will end by reconciling the Vatican with the Quirinal. Perhaps this is one of the greatest merits of Pope Benedict XV's sage policy."

But Herr Schwering-Koelin sees that Pope Benedict does not strive after union for local reasons only. He has the long vision which sees that Italy and Britain are of the greatest importance to the church's future in the world. And here his political programme joins with a vast religious plan, which is to make the East Catholic instead of Orthodox. Benedict looks eastward to Poland, Armenia and Palestine, waiting for a vast political net which will, he hopes, extend all over Russia and the Balkans. His word of command is: "The Orthodox East belongs to the Catholic Church."

The disappearance of the Russian Empire, so heartily feared by the Holy See for generations, has opened the road across Russia. "And across Russia will lie the conquest of the Orthodox Church and its union with the Catholic Church."

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Rome Filled With Germans. Once more the ancient and Holy City is filled with Germans. Their language can be heard everywhere on street cars, in restaurants, museums and in the Italian Government. And the up-to-date threads of business dropped when Italy entered the war, but most belong to the monster pilgrimage come to visit the Pope in the first German pilgrimage in nearly seven years.

Mgr. Schult, Archbishop of Cologne, is at the head of it. During his address to the Pope, in the name of the pilgrims, the Archbishop laid stress on the Pope's work for Germany during the war. The Pope answered that it gave him comfort to know that his efforts had helped to stay the tears of German widows and fatherless children. The Pope said

Winners in the Dr. Chase Nerve Food

And interesting extracts from some of the 334 letters which came from every province of this great country. A splendid tribute to the enormous popularity of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food

THE object of this competition was to find out which appeals most strongly to the great majority of people, "testimonial advertisements" or "human interest advertisements with illustrations and conversational style of copy."

This contest brought out some very strong arguments on both sides and some which are entirely new. But, since the total result was 133 for testimonials and 135 for illustrated conversational advertisements, it looks as though we shall have to use both styles of advertising in order to interest all newspaper readers. Many women gave arguments for both styles of advertising instead of expressing a definite preference.

Most of these letters were carefully thought out and will supply many new ideas as well as an abundance of evidence as to the strong regard in which Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is held by the women of Canada.

If we could send these letters to every home there would no longer be any question as to what treatment to buy when a restorative is needed for tired nerves and a run-down system. It would be Dr. Chase's Nerve Food every time.

It was no easy task to select the winners from the stack of letters received, but we have tried our best to do justice to everyone.

As it is our desire to make friends instead of losing them, we hope there are not many who lost patience as did the writer of a postcard we received, and which reads:

Dear Sirs:

Why not publish names of winners of your recent contest, as you advertised "names of winners" will be published soon after close of contest. It is almost a month since contest closed. What is the trouble? Don't you happen to have a friend or relative among the entries?

From A Past Friend.

Every contestant was advised by personal letter that the time of closing the contest had been extended to November 30. So we hope there were not many disappointed as was our "Past Friend."

Mrs. H. Griffith, Nurse, Cowichan, B.C.—"I am a good personal advertisement for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, for I use it regularly when on a trying case and robbed of rest and sleep. It is most useful for exhausted nerves and consequent headaches, irritability and depression."

Miss Katherine C. McDonald, Nurse, 14 Victoria Block, Moncton, N.B., who did such heroic work in looking after the victims of the railroad wreck near Sackville recently, reports that she has been using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food with splendid results. As a nurse Miss McDonald has an exceptional opportunity of witnessing the restorative influence of this treatment.

Mrs. W. H. McIntyre, Gananoque, Ont.—"About five years ago I used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food when in a state of absolute collapse and continued its use until I had taken fourteen boxes. I cannot praise it enough, for it worked a miracle in my case."

Mrs. May W. Taylor, 1309 Davis Street, Vancouver, B.C.—"Ten of my circle told me that they take Dr. Chase's Nerve Food for that 'all-in' feeling attendant on the care of children and performance of household work. I myself take it for nervous irritability and absolutely depend on it, I give my children the Nerve Food during examination week, and I am sure it helps them."

Mrs. Annie Bellamy, 33 Pauline Avenue, Toronto, Ont.—"Since the 'flu' epidemic people are resorting to preventive measures more than ever and find that Dr. Chase's Nerve Food gives protection against the 'flu' and all other germ diseases."

Mrs. Bert Smith, Way's Mills, Que.—"On an old-fashioned bureau in a house I know lies a large-sized New Testament with the binding well worn and with it a much-used old copy of Dr. Chase's Receipt Book. When the calves have the colic or the neighbor's baby the earache 'Grandma' hands out well-assimilated advice from Dr. Chase's book. When 'Grandma' herself feels 'run-down,' Dr. Chase's Nerve Food stands ready on the dining room table among the salt and pepper shakers."

Orthodox Church and its union with the Catholic Church. Such at least, is the opinion of the German biographer; and his idea is shared, with open anxiety, by the Greeks and those Orthodox Russians who cling to their national church.

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Rome Filled With Germans. Once more the ancient and Holy City is filled with Germans. Their language can be heard everywhere on street cars, in restaurants, museums and in the Italian Government. And the up-to-date threads of business dropped when Italy entered the war, but most belong to the monster pilgrimage come to visit the Pope in the first German pilgrimage in nearly seven years.

Mgr. Schult, Archbishop of Cologne, is at the head of it. During his address to the Pope, in the name of the pilgrims, the Archbishop laid stress on the Pope's work for Germany during the war. The Pope answered that it gave him comfort to know that his efforts had helped to stay the tears of German widows and fatherless children. The Pope said

mass especially for the pilgrimage in the Chapel of St. Matilda, which is the German's own particular part of the Vatican possessions, and gave them the communion.

Most of these German visitors are taking trips to other parts of Italy, so the trains are filled with them

Vapo-Cresolene

A Vapor Treatment for Coughs and Colds. The time for Vapo-Cresolene is at the first indication of a cold or sore throat. It is simple to use, you just light the little lamp that vaporizes the Cresolene and place it near the bed. The soothing antiseptic vapor makes breathing easy, relieves the cough, soothes the throat, and cures the cold. It is recommended for Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, and all respiratory ailments. Send for descriptive booklet.

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THE WINNERS

First Prize—\$100.00

Mrs. May W. Taylor, 1309 Davis Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Second Prize—\$50.00

Mrs. Annie Bellamy, 33 Pauline Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Third Prize—\$25.00

Mrs. Bert Smith, Way's Mills, Quebec

4th to 28th Prizes—\$5.00 Each

4th—Mrs. M. D., Calgary, Alta.

5th—Miss C. G. Crawley, Hillside, Wolfville, N.S.

6th—Mrs. Agnes J. Jones (address on application).

7th—Mrs. W. H. Stoker, 68 Robert Street, Hamilton, Ont.

8th—Mrs. James F. Hillman, Box 373, Digby, N.S.

9th—Miss R. I. Scott, Box 83, Czar, Alta.

10th—Miss Viola M. Hawkins, Stainer, Ont.

11th—Mrs. Richard Penny, Salmon Cove, Bay de Verde, Nfld.

12th—Mrs. W. H. McIntyre, South Street, Gananoque, Ont.

13th—Mrs. E. McConnell, Box 43, Wiseton, Sask.

14th—Mrs. Wm. A. Gilcash, Glenwood, Lot 8, P.E.I.

15th—Mrs. H. Griffith, Nurse, R.R. No. 1, Cowichan, B.C.

16th—Mrs. M. Coutts, Nurse, 338 Atlantic Avenue, Winnipeg, Man.

17th—Mrs. E. B. Du Pra, Box 203, Thamesville, Ont.

18th—Mrs. B. W. Price, 121A Alexander Street, Sherbrooke, Que.

19th—Miss Beatrice Robert, Box 155, Eastview Centre, via Ottawa, Ont.

20th—Mrs. W. H. Drew, Tweed, Ont.

21st—Mrs. Oliver Twist, Waterloo, Alta.

22nd—Mrs. Marion Green, 114 Fairmount Ave. W., Montreal, Que.

23rd—Mrs. Annie Scriven, Box 150, Acton West, Ont.

24th—Mrs. John O'Donnell, 50 Colonial Street, St. John's, Nfld.

25th—Miss Katherine C. McDonald, Nurse, 14 Victoria Block, Moncton, N.B.

26th—Miss W. E. Reebuck, Box 516, Truro, N.S.

27th—Mrs. Mary Watson, 309 Janette Avenue, Windsor, Ont.

28th—Mrs. A. G. Coulston, 303 High Park Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

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Mrs. W. H. Stoker, 68 Robert Street, Hamilton, Ont.—"A young mother told me she was so glad I advised her to use Dr. Chase's Nerve Food after her baby was born. She had tried many things, but after no success with them I told her just how much benefit I had gained with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, so she also used it with the same wonderful results."

Miss R. I. Scott, Teacher, Czar, Alta.—"After teaching school for two years my nerves were in a shattered condition, and I had almost incessant headaches. The doctor told me I would have to quit, but a teacher friend told me how she was restored by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food under similar conditions. My nerves were completely restored so that I thoroughly enjoy life."

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Mrs. J. C. Stewart, Goderich, Ont.—"We have three editions of Dr. Chase's Receipt Book in our home, and all the family uses them."

Miss Pearl Walton, 986 Henri Julien Ave., Montreal, Que.—"I had a party of forty people, and found that twenty-three used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food as a result of reading testimonials, and ten learned about it by reading the illustrated advertisements."

Mrs. Jennie Haywood, 98 Turner Street, Ottawa, Ont.—"After sixteen weeks in a hospital with rheumatic fever I returned home a complete nervous wreck. I took six boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and have had no return of nervous trouble or rheumatism."

A Public School Teacher, London, Ont.—"Thirteen out of the fourteen teachers in our school prefer the conversational style of advertising. Nine of them use Dr. Chase's Nerve Food when tired out or run down."

Mrs. A. Gifford, 510 Third Street, New Westminster, B.C.—"The majority of people use Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to regain strength after operations or serious illness and for nervous prostration and nervous headaches."

Mrs. H. R. Corbin, Prince Albert, Alta.—"Every woman enjoys reading another's letter, and if she or her family can benefit by the other woman's experience they are going to do so. This is why I believe that testimonials are the best way of advertising Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

Miss Marion McArthur, Markdale, Ont.—"I have inquired among thirty-three of my friends and find that eighteen had used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food as the result of reading testimonials; eight had been reading the illustrated ads, and the other seven had never used it."

Mrs. H. Alshorn, Charlottetown, P.E.I.—"From my experience I find that Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is used mostly largely by women, especially when passing through the change of life, next by young mothers to gain strength, and by girls just entering womanhood."

Mrs. Angus A. Richards, Bridgewater, N.S.—"I could not condemn testimonials, since it was through a testimonial that I learned of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I had a complete nervous breakdown from teaching and hard study. After doctoring for six months I heard about this wonderful medicine, and was completely restored by the use of twelve boxes."

Mrs. C. J. Hounsell, Parry Sound, Ont.—"I like the cheerful illustrated ads, because they make you feel that you have happiness ahead of you. By reading such an ad. I learned of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and it completely relieved me of heart trouble."

A Present for Everyone

To every contestant who did not win a prize we are mailing a box of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food as a sort of consolation award. Kindly advise us if you do not receive yours.

The Diary Contest

Perhaps you know of the Annual Diary Competition in Dr. Chase's Almanac. Why not take a try for the \$100 prize? Full particulars on page 17 of Dr. Chase's Almanac for 1921, which is now being mailed. If you do not receive your copy, kindly advise us. Edmanson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Dr. Chase Bldg., Toronto.

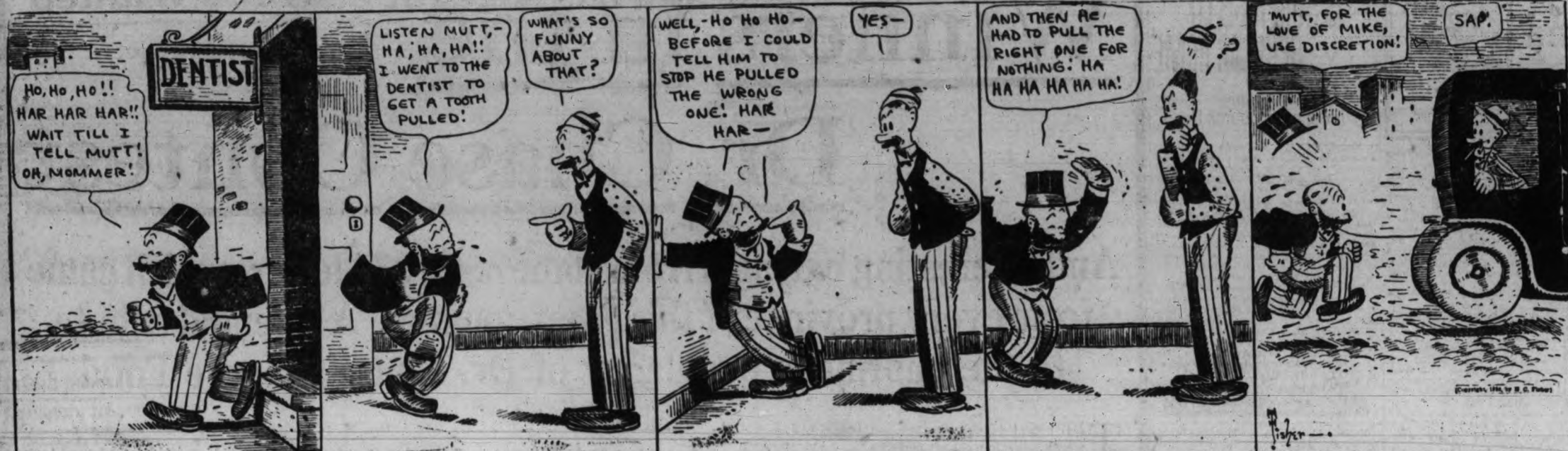
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At Press Time Jeff Was Still Following the Taxi.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DIED.
ANGUS—The death occurred on December 28, at his home, Strathgairn, Royal Oak, of Alexander Angus, dearly beloved husband of Mary A. Angus. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, three sons and one daughter.

CARD OF THANKS.
Mr. Joseph Pitt wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to his many friends for kind words of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings sent in the last of his loving wife.

MONUMENTAL WORKS.
J. MORTIMER & SON—Stone and monumental works, 719 Courtney Street, Phone 1302.
PHILLIPS STONE WORKS—Monuments, copings, etc. Opp. Cemetery, Phone 4123.
STEWART MONUMENTAL WORKS, LTD.—Office and yard, cor. May and Albera Streets, near Cemetery, Phone 4517.

COMING EVENTS

DIAGONISMS—How anxious people are to help you when you are in a position to help yourself! Diagonis, printers, stationers and engravers, Government St. and also Fort St. Pocket Diaries, Desk Calendars and some Art. Calendars at reduced prices to clear.

ACADEMIC CLEANERS AND DYERS—Pressing, repairing alterations, etc. Room 19, Arcade, Phone 7978. R. Pettigrew, Prop.

A BIG DANCE will be held New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Jan. 1, at the Grand Hotel, 1111 Yates St. Admission 50c. Ladies 50c. including supper. Men 25c. Free for children.

BIG alteration sale, Grimsom's Dry Goods Store, 1844 Oak Bay Avenue, starts Thursday, Dec. 30. Entrance, 41st St. on Hill Street, 41st-50.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY Celebrations, January 25th, Caledonia Hall, auspices Knights of the Thistle, 41st-50.

C. J. CAREY, tea and coffee, removed to 1038 View Street, between Douglas and Broad, Phone 2012. Tea for Christmas Presses.

CALIFORNIA DANCE every Saturday evening, Caledonia Hall, View Street, 41st-50.

DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND, Primrose Lodge—A big dance, New Year's Eve, K. P. Hall, dancing 9 till 1. Omaha 10c. Ladies 50c. Buffet supper, Hunt's orchestra, 41st-50.

DON'T FORGET the Military Five 10c. and every Friday in the A.O.F. Hall, 50.

DANCE—West Road Hall, Saanich, Tuesday, Jan. 4, given by W. J. Barker. Refreshments served. Omaha 10c. Hunt and the House orchestra, 41st-50.

DOUGLAS HOTEL CAFE, 41st-50.

SPECIAL LUNCH 50c.

DINNER 75c.

PERFECT-CASS Service.

DIRT-C. PATNE, Caterer.

COMING EVENTS

THE Next-of-Kin Association children's party at Orange Hall, Courtney Street, on Thursday, the 30th, at 5:30 p.m. Will members and friends please leave cakes, etc., at the Hall as early in the day as possible? 41st-50.

W. F. BEST, analytical chemist, Laboratory, 502, Bayward Bldg., Douglas Street, 41st-50.

WHIST DRIVE and dance in Foresters' Hall, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Eight prizes, including a big turkey, 41st-50.

CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE, Caledonia Hall, 41st-50. Gents 10c, ladies 50c; 9 till 1. Refreshments. Wallace's 5-piece orchestra, 41st-50.

20 LBS. WHITE SUGAR, \$2.85. Plummers' Store, 1111 Quadra, 50.

HELP WANTED—MALE
ENGINEERS taught for examination, W. A. Winterburn, Central Bldg. 5, 41st-50.
LIVE young man, for provision store. Give phone number. Apply Box 951, Times, 41st-50.

SPROTT-SHAW INSTITUTE, Pemberton Buildings.

COURSES, Commercial, Stenography, Secretarial, Bookkeeping, Higher Accounting, Wireless Telegraphy, Civil Service, College (University Matric.), Fr. and En. Coaching for exams of B. C. & A. Law Society, Dental School and Society.

Phone 25 or Write for Particulars.

SPROTT-SHAW BUSINESS INSTITUTE, 41st-50.

STRONG BOY, for dairy, Conter, Shelburne and Bay Road, 41st-50.

WANTED—Good delivery boy, with wheel; wages \$5 per week; steady job to the right boy. Conter's Grocery, 1081 Commercial Road, city limits, 41st-50.

25 YEARS on Vancouver Island—Stationary, Marine, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Auto Engineering, Navigation, Languages, Accounting, Art, Business Management, Foreign Trade, International Correspondence Schools, 1087 Government, Canadian Ltd., 41st-50.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF CANADA, PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, LANOLEY AND BROUGHTON STS., WOMEN'S BRANCH.

WANTED—HOME for High School Girl for summer, 1921. Children's Nurse, 41st-50.

WANTED—Trustworthy general help, Phone 2477, 41st-50.

SITUATIONS WANTED FEMALE
A GOOD PIANIST of latest popular dance music would like engagements, Phone 2478, 41st-50.

AGENTS
AGENTS wanted in every town. Best selling household article. Large demand for goods. \$15 to \$25 per week. Particulars, The Ideal Coal Saving Mfg. Co., 111 Teruley Street, Toronto, Ont., 41st-50.

AUTOMOBILES
THOMSON GARAGE, Esquimalt Road, in town under new management. Repairs, auto, trucks, gas engines, etc. Expert mechanic on motor and electric work. W. Horn, prop. Phone 2122, Night, 41st-50.

FORD worm drive truck, with body, good tires and engine, in first-class condition, 1915 cash or terms. Box 9, Y. S. Times, 41st-50.

FORD SALE—Oldsmobile Demonstrator, has run 20,000 miles; 1,000 miles; having lost the agency, we are offering this car for sale. A new one; Ford run about 1917 model, 1918; Chevrolet 4.30 5-passenger, 1918; Overland light four, 1918; Studebaker, 5 cylinder, 7-passenger, 1918. These cars have been repaired and overhauled. Now is the time to buy a good used car.

W. A. PETER & SONS, 725 Discovery Street, Phone 7444 and 5547. Every description of auto repairs, work promptly done and guaranteed. Care taken and sold. Large line of used parts stock.

7-PASSENGER CAR, with electric lights and starter, everything in perfect condition, 2 new tires and spare rim, make an excellent spare car, \$400. Phone 2122, Night, 41st-50.

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724 Johnson St. Auto Sale Room—174
BIG HOLIDAY DRIVE.
TO-DAY'S BARGAIN LEADER.
FORD TOURING, late model, with a lot of extras, shock absorbers, slip covers, Yale lock, speedometer that works, new tires, level plate back light, and extra heavy special top; all in fine running order. Our best Ford buy this season; don't miss it.
1-1918 FORD, equal to \$399
1-1918 GRAY DOCK, \$550
1-1918 CHEVROLET, an extra buy \$795
1-1918 BABY GRAND CHEV., \$1395
1-1918 ROLEY TOURING, \$1095
1-1918 OVERLAND 90, \$1095
1-1918 OVERLAND 90, \$895
1-1917 CHEVROLET, \$595
1-1914 FORD touring, good order \$295
1-1918 ONE TON DELIVERY, \$475
1-1918 LIGHT DELIVERY, \$475
1-1917 MAXWELL, \$695
tours may be arranged to suit, and your own car accepted as part payment.
CARTER BROS., 724 Johnson Street, Phone 2127. Rear of B. C. Permanent Loan Bldg.

WHAT \$12 will do to a Ford. Completely overhauled rear axle. We loan a rear end while yours is under repair free of charge. Arthur Dandridge, Ford and Chevrolet specialists, 745 Broughton Street, Phone 5518, Rm. 5474R.

SPECIAL TIME SALE.
302 1/2 \$22.25
302 3/4 \$25.20
312 1/2 \$31.15
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324 \$37.25
324 1/2 \$39.00
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Genuine Ford Parts.

McMORRAN'S GARAGE, 727 Johnson Street, Phone 2977, 41st-50.

MODEL 90 OVERLAND, in beautiful condition, a real beauty. Price \$275.

MODEL 4 OVERLAND—this car has been used only a few weeks and is equal to new in every respect. A real snap at \$275.

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W. D. TAIT, 935 View St. 31

Very easy terms can be arranged on any of the above.

USED CARS.
\$1150—OVERLAND, model '26'. This is a late model and it is in excellent order. Tires are very good. Easy terms can be arranged.

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\$350—FORD, late model, 5-seater, new tires. Terms.

\$375—FORD, late model, 2-seater, with delivery box.

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EXCELSIOR, Henderson and Cleveland motorcycles, Agnate, Motorcycles, Bicycles and Supply Store, 522-524 Yates St. 41st-50.

FOR SALE—Good bicycle, Perfect make, in good condition; snap \$25. 1245 Whittier Ave., off Hollakine Road, 41st-50.

THE VICTORY CYCLE WORKS—Bicycles repaired, our specialty. Work guaranteed. 521 Johnson St. Phone 2124.

TOYS at cut price. Wheelbarrows, etc. Toys, wagons, 12 up to 100. Tuffie, The Cycle Man, 522 Johnson Street, 41st-50.

THE "HUB" CYCLE STORE, 1311 Douglas, has removed to 804 Yates St. 41st-50.

UNFURNISHED HOUSES
FOR RENT—7-roomed modern house, with gas range, full basement, garage and city water, 23, 31 not sold. Apply Pizer's Garage, 725 Discovery Street, Phone 7447.

PICKFORD & CO.—Express, baggage, removals, Phone 2412.

THREE ROOMS—bath and pantry, a pretty place close to Fernwood Fire Hall, large garden, electric light and city water, 23, 31 not sold. Apply Monday for \$1,200. \$100 cash and \$10 per month. Pizer's Garage, 725 Discovery Street, 41st-50.

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Call and hear them before buying, sold on terms if desired. Phone 113.
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BUSINESS CHANCES

FOR SALE—Grocery store in growing locality; good position and doing thriving cash trade. Stock and fixtures at bargain. Will be about \$1,500 cash. Box 716, Times.

POPULAR small restaurant on main thoroughfare. Owner has valid reason for selling; \$1,500 cash takes all. Box 580, Times.

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LOST—Pair men's leather gloves. Please return to 4351 R. or 65. 41st-50.

LOST—Christmas Eve, small round gold brooch, turquoise centre, between Yates Street and C. P. R. dock. Telephone 7367R. 41st-50.

LOST—An underplate of teeth. Please return to 4615R. 41st-50.

LOST—Little butterfly brooch set with pearls and sapphires. Reward. Phone 2176Y. 41st-50.

LOST—Between Brentwood Hotel and railway station, glasses in silver case. Finder please return to Times Office. 41st-50.

LOST—On Christmas night, black Pomeranian Rex. Finder please return to 4615R. 41st-50.

LOST—Gold sign ring, on Port Street, car, Douglas and Blanshard, Sunday, Dec. 19. Reward offered. Initials D. S. Notley Box 209, Times. Apply to T. S. Gore, Room 3, or to Heisterman, Forman & Co.

TO LET—MISCELLANEOUS
LARGE OFFICE TO LET.
VACANT last January, two rooms and fireplace vault, 8 ft. x 15 ft. in core Building, 1219 Langley St. Apply to T. S. Gore, Room 3, or to Heisterman, Forman & Co.

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DELUXE HOTEL, 517 Yates Street, U.S.A. new management. Cleaned and decorated throughout. Rooms and high housekeeping suites. Moderate terms. 41st-50.

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Minds Can't Be Read, Says Thurston

"There is no such thing as mind reading," says Thurston, the magician. "Mind-reading" is called by only muscle reading. I do, however, believe in telepathy, because the manifestations of it are too numerous to make unbelief possible, although I cannot attempt to explain it. Telepathy is involuntary. Aside from involuntary expressions the mind is a castle in which no stranger can penetrate.

"Fortune telling is—to use a favorite expression—bunk," continues the magician, who will appear this week at Teller's Shubert. "Because we are sometimes told things we know to be true and the knowledge of which in the possession of another person we cannot explain, we are inclined to give fortune telling half credence. Take an example: Once I gave a performance in Manila and afterward met an American who told me casually about a 'magician' who had an unusual career and usually made a fortune. He was using the name of the one concerning whom I had heard. I told him his real American name (not the one he was using) and several other things about himself that I had heard in Manila, and he threw up his hands and said that I had revealed things to him that were known only to himself and God. He said that nobody could convince him that I was an ordinary human being.

"About palmistry. It is true that there is more character in the hand than in the face, and this fact has made fortune tellers who read the palm very successful in telling the

credulous a good many true things about themselves. People may cultivate artificial expressions of the face by the use of mirrors, but the cannot and usually do not attempt to conceal the story told by the hands. Palmistry, so far, as being a true index to the character is concerned, has come to be almost an exact science. I can read your true character from the hand, but I cannot read your future, nor can any other person.

"As to the ouija board. The ouija board is especially adapted to assist people if psychic tendencies with spirit communication, because it acts as a medium for concentration, and, being something tangible to attract a person's attention, it helps to create the mental conditions for spirit manifestations."

Here are some of the characteristics which Thurston believes to be revealed by the hands:

Large hands mean a close attention to minute details. With long fingers will be found a love of detail even to the point of frivolousness. Smooth, conical fingers are a sign of talkativeness and levity. Strong, knotted fingers show prudence and capacity. The person whose fingers are smooth and pointed is guided wholly by inspiration and never has a reason for what he does. Intellect belongs to knotted fingers, grace to smooth ones. Fingers that are too square show a fanatical love of order and a servile submission to conventionality. Hairy hands show a love of luxury.

If your fingers are square at the ends, your prevailing characteristics will be a love of symmetry and a taste for politics, philosophy, logic and the languages, and you will incline toward discovery rather than imagination. If the back of the hand is very hairy it denotes inconstancy. Short fingers prefer generalities to details. Small handed people naturally write with large characters, and people with large hands with small characters. If your fingers are broad and flat at the ends, you will have a desire for movement and manual exercise, a love for what is useful and a taste for travel, agriculture and commerce. A palm too slim, narrow and feeble indicates instinct without capacity. The hard, wrinkled hand, which is opened to its full extent with difficulty, shows intractability, a mind without pliancy. If you have knots at the middle joints of the fingers you will have a place for everything and want everything in its place.

Mail handlers on a New York pier received a fright when they felt something move in a mail sack being unloaded. Investigation showed a cat which was hungry after its eight-day voyage across the Atlantic.



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London, Dec. 29.—Within the past 12 months the motor transport of goods out of London has trebled in volume, and it continues rapidly to expand," said the head of a prominent business house to a Daily Chronicle representative the other day.

In motor haulage circles generally it was stated that most of the large numbers of lorries on the road are engaged in specific contracts, but quite a goodly proportion are keeping regular time tables in established services. These link up with such centres as Birmingham, Bristol, Leicester, Derby, Southampton, Aylesbury Gloucester, Stroud and intervening towns.

Experts agreed that the charges were uniformly lower than railway costs within an area of 100 miles—some put the radius at 120—and in this connection point was made of the elimination of collection and delivery rates, seeing that a motor takes its consignment from door to door.

"There is besides a saving in handling, packing and brokerage," it was added, "and the fact that stuff goes straight to its destination rules out those vexatious queries which involve documentary and other search, and are a burden to the soul of a trader. Provision is ordinarily made for return loads."

For quick despatch goods are motorized to towns so distant as Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow—"indeed, all over the place," remarked a manager, while superintending the departure of a fleet of vehicles, each bound in a different direction.

A van taking a load to Birmingham and bringing another back to London has completed the double journey within 48 hours. Large and small firms testified to the increasing number of calls being made on them—one, for example, with upwards of a score of lorries continually on the road, another with 15 or 20, a third with 100, each carrying four or five tons. Naturally, they are their busiest round towns near London.

New England prohibition enforcement director refused to prosecute a sick man in whose house he found a still and moonshine whisky. The man, a victim of tuberculosis, said he needed the liquor to keep him alive and couldn't afford to buy it on a medical certificate.

SECRETS OF RICH EGYPTIAN TOMB ARE DISCOVERED

Painting on Art Works, 4,000 Years Old, Has Freshness of Yesterday

New York, Dec. 29.—There has been opened at the Metropolitan Museum a marvelous art exhibit, the most marvelous in certain ways that America has ever seen. The painting on some of the carved figures looks as if it had been done yesterday, and yet in reality the little figures are 4,000 years old.

The account of the finding of the treasure chamber in which these works of art were is of the utmost interest. The Metropolitan Museum is conducting in Egypt excavations which are of the greatest importance to the history of art and archeology. By an agreement with the Egyptian Government half the works of art found must be given to the museum in Cairo, the other half to the Metropolitan.

Early in 1920 the workers of the Metropolitan Museum were excavating the tomb of Mehenkewtre at Thebes, Chancellor of the Royal Palace under King Mentuhotep III, whose temple his name appears. The digging had been singularly unproductive. Here is Mr. Winlock's account of the discovery published in the Bulletin of the Metropolitan Museum:

"Wednesday, March 17, was the beginning of what we had decided would be our last week's work on the site. In six more days we hoped to get the passage cleared enough to make a plan and then move to the temple site, which was almost ready.

Startling Sight. "It was along toward sunset on that Wednesday that Mr. Burton came down from the mountain top where he had been photographing, to dismiss the workmen for the night. They had cleared out a good deal of fallen stone from the corridor and when he went into the main entrance he found the air electric with suppressed excitement. One of the men clearing away rubbish had noticed that the chips of stone trickled away from his hoe into a crack in the rock. He and the head-man of his gang scraped away more of the chips with their hands, and still more went sliding down into darkness. They had just decided that there must be some large opening behind the crack when Mr. Burton came along and struck a match to light up the darkness in the fissure.

"A scribbled note which he sent down to the house found the other members of the expedition just coming in from the day's work elsewhere and we all went up to the cliffs, sleepily it must be confessed, but bringing the electric torches which Burton had written for. The sun had set and as we filed into the gloomy corridor our skepticism seemed confirmed. There was nothing for us to see but a ragged hole in the rock between the floor and one side of the passage, but when one by one we lay flat on the ground and shot a beam of light into that crack one of the most startling sight it is ever a digger's luck to see flashed before us.

Myriads of Statuettes. "At first we hardly realized what we were looking into. It was getting late. We were so surprised; excitement was so quick to spread among us that the exact nature of the place was hard to judge. This much, however, was certain: We had found a small, totally untouched chamber crammed with myriads of little brightly painted statuettes of men and animals and model of boats. Same of us thought that we had seen coffins under them such as had been found at Ben Hassan, and we pictured ourselves rather dolefully spending the next months down in that hole restraining beads in position. Still there was nothing to be done at the time, and therefore we sent to the house for cords and ladders and, effectively sealed up the chink in the rocks and then went home to spend the evening guessing and theorizing on what we had seen and what was in store for us.

"Thursday morning we started on what turned out to be three arduous days and nights of work. We realized enough of what was before us to make ample preparations. A room was cleared out in the house to hold whatever might be movable in the chamber; drawing boards and instruments for making plans and mirrors and reflectors for illumination were collected together and sent up to the tomb, and then Mr. Burton began to take a series of photographs beginning with one of the crack in the wall as the workmen had first found it. Here it may be said that the uninterrupted success of Burton's photography, taking exposures with sunlight thrown 90 or 100 feet along the corridor from a mirror on a silver paper reflector, was one of the most satisfactory things about those three days. The rock was in a most precarious condition and our great fear was that fresh air entering into a chamber sealed almost hermetically for 4,000 years would result in a crash of stone on the antiquities. A full record of every fact of the finding was our purpose, but no time was to be lost—and our haste was justified, for rock is falling daily from the walls and the ceiling of the tomb now.

"Among the objects found in the tomb were models of boats and of buildings with little statuettes in wood, the rowers on the boats, the workers within the buildings, a slaughter-house, a stable, a garden. All these things are in wonderful preservation, in better preservation than objects which have been exposed to the atmosphere of New York for two years. Above the tomb of Mehenkewtre there was a pile of linen sheets, carefully folded. Dr. Lythgoe assured me that the sheets were apparently as solid as those that you would buy to-day, and they looked as strong. The whole exhibit is of rare artistic value as well as of archaeological interest."

Ammonia gas bombs will be used by Chicago police to drive criminals into the open when they barricade themselves in buildings.

A Detroit woman claimed burns received in a beauty parlor caused five bald spots on her head, and was awarded \$500 by a jury.

Weekly production of anthracite and bituminous coal in the U.S. made a new high record for the year in the week ended December 4.

Governor Smith, of New York, at the close of his present term of office will become chairman of the board of the U.S. Trucking Corporation.

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DEMAND APOLOGY BEFORE LETTING HOUSING CONTRACT

Reeve Lockley Refuses to Consider Tender Until Apology Made to Council

The Esquimalt Council Chamber was last night the scene of a few tense moments, when Reeve Lockley roundly criticized H. G. Rogers, a building contractor, for having cast aspersions on the methods adopted in awarding recent contracts under the Soldiers' Housing Scheme.

The matter came up when the Council was considering tenders for two houses, Mr. Rogers' figure of \$5,690 being the lowest eligible.

G. H. Sedger, one of the applicants for a Housing Scheme loan, when asked by Reeve Lockley, expressed his approval of the price asked and was confident his brother would also be satisfied.

Reeve Lockley then raised his voice and addressed Mr. Rogers, who was present in the Chamber, saying: "It has come to our notice that you have caused a lot of unnecessary talk about this Council, in regard to the letting of the last contract under this Housing Scheme, and unless you will write a letter of apology to this Council we will take no action to award this contract to you. There are no grounds whatever for your statements, which you cannot deny, for you have made them to me personally."

Mr. Rogers replied that he had said nothing wrong, and was willing to apologize if it necessary. Lockley curtly retorted, "put it in writing, we want your denial for the records."

The Council then left the matter in the hands of the Reeve, the Municipal Engineer and Clerk and G. H. Sedger, who were given power to let the contract either to Mr. Rogers or the next tenderer at \$5,525.

CHRISTMAS AT FAIRFIELD METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christmas celebration at Fairfield Methodist Church was successfully concluded last evening when the scholars of the Sunday School entertained a capacity house of friends and friends. The following is the programme, which includes a number from each class:

Song—The Star of Bethlehem

Recitation—Miss Grey's Class

Recitation—When My Pa Was a Boy

Recitation—Polly's New Hat

Sketch—Star of the East

Solo—Mrs. G. G. Green's Class

Recitation—Leap Year Advice to the Fairfield Girls

Lullaby—Cradle Song

Recitation—Miss Lockwood's Class

Negro Dialogue—Mr. G. G. Green's Class

Recitation—That Boy

Selection—Merry Christmas

Solo—Mrs. Woodward

Recitation—The Beautiful Snow

During the evening Mr. Jenkins, of the Pathé Phonograph Company, delighted the audience with a number of selections on the phonograph, kindly loaned by his company. Entertainment was brought to a happy ending by the presentation of a bag of home made candy and an orange to each of the scholars present.

RECALL HAPPY MEMORIES

Boys of the Beaver Lake and Gorge camps held their happy memories reunion at the Y.M.C.A. last night and after supper heard the camp history read.

Joe Ross, who was secretary of the camp, told of the work that had been done by the tent leaders to make the camp a success.

Forty views of the camps colored by Alfred Huxtable were shown on the screen, to help recall good times. Joe Ross toasted the 1921 camps to which Harold Beckwith, camp chairman, in replying, promised that they would be bigger and longer camps. James McEwan, leader of the Gorge camp, told how employed boys appreciated being able to get away from the city when their working hours were over.

Gordon Stacey performed at the piano.

A year-end gymnastic display for boys and their parents is to be put on to-morrow night when there will be open house at the Y.M.C.A. Dr. Raynor will serve refreshments.

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PROPERTY OWNERS PRAISE COUNCIL OF DOLE FUND FOR USE HERE

Esquimalt Property Owners Pleased With Work Performed Last Year

The Esquimalt Council was last night greatly pleased by receipt of a formal letter of praise from the Esquimalt Property Owners' Protective Association.

The Association thanked the Council for the thorough manner in which the Council has performed its duties, which has resulted in a reduction in the taxes, a feat unique in these days.

The manner with which the Council had received deputations or written representations was also praised as "uniformly courteous and sympathetic."

Councillor Bridle then said: "I move we thank the Property Owners' Protective Association for those kind words, and assure them we hope we will do our duty in the next year as we have in the past."

CONSERVATIVES TO OPEN SOCIAL CLUB

Organization to Be Literary as Well as Political

The grand opening of the Victoria Conservative Club, which is to be the social, political, literary and organization headquarters for the party in this district, is to take place on January 4, following formal approval of the club plan by Conservatives last night.

The club has taken over the Elks' club rooms in the Campbell Building. Women will be permitted to frequent the club as well as men. On the opening night there will be music, speeches and refreshments.

Last night R. F. Green, M.P., Canon Hinchliffe, R. Ross, Esquimalt, Frank Andrews, Alexander Stewart and R. W. Perry talked on organization. E. S. Woodward explained proportional representation voting. H. B. Thomson, former food controller and member of the Legislature for Victoria, said that there is need of educating the people on big issues such as the tariff, as many low tariff persons do not appreciate the real facts of the case.

"Only under a system of protection such as enunciated by the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen can Canada be expected to maintain her position," said Mr. Thomson.

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JAMES BAY KIDDIES VISITED BY SANTA

Fine Christmas Tree Entertainment by St. James's Church

The rafters of Connaught Seamen's Institute rang with laughter and glee during the Christmas tree entertainment given by St. James's Church for the children of the Sunday school and those living in James Bay who had not previously enjoyed such festivities. All were invited to attend, and there was a good response, nearly two hundred children and helpers turning out to the affair.

In front of the stage was an immense Christmas tree lighted by fancy electric globes, and on the limbs of which Santa Claus had kindly hidden away all sorts of gifts for the happy children. When the youngsters arrived they found the tables all set and laden with good things to eat. After a few remarks by the rector, Rev. H. T. Archibald, the distribution was displayed in relieving the tables of their weight. The ladies of the congregation had worked hard all day to make the spread an attractive one, and local firms had been very generous in their contributions, so that there was an abundance of everything for the kiddies to eat.

Following the supper, the tables were removed and the chairs arranged for the big event, the evening presentation of Sunday school prizes and the distribution of the gifts from the tree. Every little child was the recipient of a pleasing present, and while the distribution was going on candies and nuts were given out. As the children passed out of the door each was given some fruit. During the evening games and a sing-song were indulged in, and at the conclusion of the Christmas tree the children went away happy and contented with the good things they had enjoyed, and the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation who were responsible for the treat felt satisfied with the result. The entertainment began shortly after 4 o'clock and terminated at 8 o'clock.

Among local firms to contribute toward the success of the affair were: Goodacre & Sons, Whitall Electric Company, Shelly Bros., Scott & Peden, United Co-operative, Royal Dairy, Sam Caldwell, Miss Fairclough, Revercomb Motor Company and others. The surplus food will be given to needy families.

One person out of 159 in the U.S. is a Government employee.

URGENT REVIVAL OF DOLE FUND FOR USE HERE

Dr. Tolmie Tells Community Council Government Policy Unchanged

In spite of the clear-cut statement of Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, that the Federal Government had decided not to contribute to the cost of public works in municipalities, the Community Council, at a meeting last night, decided to press the Government further to advance funds to assist the inauguration of municipal works. The Council claims that the Government should make a grant in the case of Victoria in consideration of the fact that the former unemployment dole appropriation was never spent. This grant, of course, has lapsed, but the Council will try to secure a Governor-General's warrant to ensure the use of a sum of not less than \$3,000,000 for public works here.

The Community Council also will make an effort to have local labor given the preference in connection with all public works undertaken here. Resolutions expressing this desire will be presented to the Dominion and Provincial Ministers of Public Works and to the city authorities immediately.

At the Council's meeting in the Veterans' rooms yesterday afternoon, Dr. Tolmie summed up the attitude adopted by the Federal Government in regard to the unemployment problem. While the Government was prepared to contribute one-third to a fund created in conjunction with the city and the Provincial Government for the assistance of destitute people, who would not secure employment, it was useless, he said, to expect other aid.

Government Generous.

"In the matter of public works that will afford relief to the unemployed, more has been done by the Federal Government to British Columbia than to all other provinces combined," he declared. "In Vancouver there is the Callaghan pier, to be controlled by the Harbor Commission, but financed by the Dominion Government. There is also the Coughlan graving dock, and contracts for two steamships are now being worked on by the Coughlan yards, the Dominion Government being responsible for all this work. Then in Victoria we have the dry-dock, \$700,000 advanced for the wooden school under construction at the Chobler Shipyard, and the laying of 100 miles of track on the Island line of the Canadian National Railway. Mr. Ross, the minister in authority, has given me a clear-cut statement as to whether the Government will contribute to public works in municipalities. He told me that the Government does not see its way clear to endorse the proposal. That is final."

Despite the Minister's statement and the assertion of several members that such request was a waste of time, the Council adopted a resolution calling upon the Government to revive the old dole fund and to advance not less than \$3,000,000 to the Provincial Department of Public Works to be expended on work.

Comrade Kidner charged that an influx of foreign labor which desired to secure employment on public works was pouring into the Province. Dr. Tolmie replied that the Minister of Immigration had informed him that all ports were closed to foreign labor at present.

After a general discussion of the unemployment situation, the Council endorsed a resolution urging that an appropriate committee be appointed to advise the Provincial Labor Bureau in regard to present relief work.

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DOMINION ACADEMY OF MUSIC STUDENTS HOLD SEASON'S REVELS

An enjoyable party was held last night at the Recluse Hall of the Dominion Academy of Music, when over one hundred students of all ages were present. The junior pupils assembled at 8:30 o'clock, and were entertained to tea and a Christmas tree by Madame Kate Webb, and the senior students. The hall was beautifully decorated with holly, ivy, red and white Christmas balls. The well laden tree was lighted with colored electric lights and every pupil received a present.

The seniors gathered at 9 o'clock to the efforts of Miss K. Puntin and her helpers, Misses Ellen Bridge, Phyllis Hoey, Doris Taylor, Marguerite McKay, Madge Lloyd-Young, Gladys Garesche, Bessie Shadbolt, Gussie McKay, Genevieve Mitchell and Walter Fletcher. Refreshments were served at 9:30 o'clock, and the remainder of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

At an opportune time during the evening Miss Kitty Puntin on behalf of the students presented Madame Webb with a beautifully fitted Morocco hand-bag, and Miss Mylam with a handsome Japanese work-basket. Tokens which showed unmistakably the high esteem in which both are held by the students of the Academy.

The success of the party was due to the efforts of Miss K. Puntin and her helpers, Misses Ellen Bridge, Phyllis Hoey, Doris Taylor, Marguerite McKay, Madge Lloyd-Young, Mollie Wright, Audrey Griffin and Gussie McKay.

"What are you studying now?" asked Mrs. Johnson. "We have taken up the subject of molecules," answered her son. "I hope that you will be very attentive and practice constantly," said the mother. "I tried to get your father to wear one, but he couldn't keep it in his eye."—Kansas City Star.

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"Ah, me!" exclaimed Mrs. Bidger. "my shopping was most unsatisfactory to-day!" "Ah!" granted her husband. "Trying to get something for nothing, I suppose?" "Yes, dear, I was after a birthday gift for you!"

"My son," said the father impressively, "suppose I should be taken away suddenly, what would become of you?" "I'd stop here," the question is, what would become of you?"

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A man was asked how he had fared after a day at the races. "Won one, lost one," he said. "Then you came out even?" "No. You see the race I won was a horse race, but the race I lost was with a bookie."